



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF FOOD SAFETY AND LABORATORY SERVICES

August 29, 1996

Dear Mr. Shakely:

Your letter of August 14, 1996, addressed to Mr. Daniel Hoffmann, Acting Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Health, has been referred to me for reply.

For your information, there is no Commonwealth law or regulation that requires patrons in restaurants of customers in retail establishments to have on shoes or other footwear. Local jurisdictions (Boroughs, first class townships, third class cities) may enact ordinances requiring certain dress codes, but it is not a state requirement.

Many establishments post signs saying "No shirt, no shoes, no service" based on the requirements of their insurance coverage. However, those that add the words "It's the law" may be stretching the truth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth W. Hohe".

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cc: Daniel Hoffmann, Acting Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Health

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