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Dear Mr. Sands:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding whether the State of California or the California Department of Public Health have any laws, codes or regulations that require shoes or other footwear to be worn in restaurants and other public places. I am not aware of any state statutes that require the wearing of shoes or other footwear in such places.

You might want to check with the local environmental health department in the county of interest to ensure that there are no local ordinances that require shoes or footwear to be worn in public places.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (916) 449-5693

Sincerely,

Glenn Takeoka, Chief
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