



Rick Scott  
Governor

JOHN H. ARMSTRONG, MD, FACS.  
State Surgeon General

April 14, 2012

Dear Mr. Wellons:

Your letter to State Surgeon General John H. Armstrong was forwarded to our bureau's attention. In response to your question in that letter, the Department of Health does not have any laws, codes or regulations requiring patrons in restaurants, retail establishments, grocery stores and the like to wear shoes or other footwear.

Please be aware there are other agencies in the state that regulate certain businesses, particularly food establishments. Although we do not believe those agencies have any requirements of this nature, you may want to contact them directly. Those agencies are the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), which regulates restaurants and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS), which regulates grocery stores.

DBPR can be reached at:

Division of Hotels and Restaurants  
1940 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1011  
Phone: 850.487.1395  
Email: Call.Center@dbpr.state.fl.us.

DACS can be reached at:

Division of Food Safety  
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite H  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650  
Email: foodsafe@doacs.state.fl.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie L. Harris".

Leslie L. Harris

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