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Dear Mr. Sands,

This letter responds to your inquiry dated May 28, 2013 regarding state laws, codes, or regulations requiring customers or patrons of food establishments to wear shoes or other footwear.

There are no state regulations requiring shoes or other footwear to be worn by customers or patrons in food establishments in Massachusetts. It is possible, however, that individual cities or towns may have adopted their own ordinances, bylaws, or local regulations which require the wearing of shoes. It is also possible that an establishment may adopt a store policy calling for their patrons to wear shoes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either 617-983-6712 or michael.moore@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Moore".

Michael J. Moore, Director
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