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November 30, 2017

Dear Mr. Sands:

Thank you for writing to Florida Surgeon General, Dr. Celeste Philip, regarding Florida's regulations that pertain to footwear requirements in businesses. As correspondence manager, I am happy to provide you with information to assist in answering your question.

The Florida Department of Health does not provide regulatory authority over businesses or their policies regarding the attire of patrons.

In Florida, restaurants are licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Their Division of Hotels and Restaurants licenses, inspects and regulates public lodging and food service establishments under Chapter 509, Florida Statutes. You may contact DBPR by email at dhr.info@MyFloridaLicense.com, or write to them at:

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Hotels and Restaurants 2601 Blairstone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011

Grocery stores and convenience stores are generally regulated by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Their Division of Food Safety can be reached by email at FoodInsp@FreshFromFlorida.com or by writing to:

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Food Safety 3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite H Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1650

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Victoria Parsons

Correspondence Manager