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Rick Scott, Governor

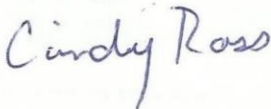
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Dear Mr. Sands,

Thanks for contacting the Division of Hotels and Restaurants. The division licenses and inspects public lodging and public food service establishments in Florida. The division does not have rules governing the footwear of restaurant guests. Pursuant to s. 509.101, Florida Statutes, however, "Any operator of a public lodging establishment or a public food service establishment may establish reasonable rules and regulations for the management of the establishment and its guests and employees; and each guest or employee staying, sojourning, eating, or employed in the establishment shall conform to and abide by such rules and regulations so long as the guest or employee remains in or at the establishment. Such rules and regulations shall be deemed to be a special contract between the operator and each guest or employee using the services or facilities of the operator. Such rules and regulations shall control the liabilities, responsibilities, and obligations of all parties." Therefore, operators are able to make rules for their own establishments.

I hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any more questions.

Sincerely,



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