Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary

March 24, 2025

Re: Maryland Department of Health Footwear Requirements

Dear Mr. Sands,

My sincere apologies that my original response to your January 15, 2025, inquiry about footwear policies for customers or patrons in businesses under our regulatory authority was either misdirected or lost.

The Department of Health does not have any statutory or regulatory requirement regarding footwear use by patrons or customers in regulated food service facilities. Individual facilities or corporate entities are free to create such requirements for themselves.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my assistant, Ms. Lynne Whalen. Her email is lynne.whalen1@maryland.gov, and her telephone number is 410-767-6234. Thank you again for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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