

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Richard D. Holcomb Commissioner

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Nick Detutshmann Freedomizer Business Services

Dear Mr. Detutshmann:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about Virginia laws regarding driving barefoot. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Virginia encourages drivers to wear safe footwear that does not have an open heel, such as flip-flops or sandals, or high-heeled shoes, as both types of footwear can cause problems when using the accelerator or break pedals. Driving in bare feet, socks, or stockings can also be dangerous causing your feet to slip off the gas or break pedals. While wearing certain types of footwear while driving or driving barefoot is not illegal, vehicle control can be compromised, and it is not recommended.

Thank you again for your correspondence. I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Holcomb

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