

April 22, 2011

NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULE NO.: 33-601.725

RULE TITLE: Permissible Items for Visitors

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the proposed rulemaking is to remove sunglasses, tobacco, and tobacco-related products from the list of permissible items and to add a photo identification card and a notarized authorization to the list.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Permissible items for visitors

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 944.09, 944.23 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 944.09, 944.23, 944.47, 944.8031 FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY. THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Kendra Lee Jowers, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

33-601.725 Permissible Items for Visitors.

(1) Visitors shall be allowed to bring only authorized items listed into any department facility. Entry shall be denied if the visitor attempts to enter the institution or facility while possessing any unauthorized item or any authorized item in more than the approved amounts. Authorized items shall be removed by the visitor at the end of the visit. Authorized items include:

~~(a) One unopened pack of cigarettes or cigars and one lighter (bic type lighters and matches are prohibited); however, smoking materials are not permitted if a designated outside smoking area is not available.~~

~~(b) One unopened, sealed package or can of smokeless tobacco, to include chewing tobacco and moist or powdered snuff.~~

(c) through (d) renumbered (a) through (b) No change.

(c) One (1) photographic identification card.

~~(d)~~^(e) Prescription medications. The department reserves the right to prohibit individuals from bringing any medication into the facility that may pose a threat to the inmate population or institutional security. Visitor requiring medical injections must leave such items secured in their vehicles and will be allowed to depart the visiting area if an injection is required. Reentry into the visiting area shall be allowed in accordance with Rule 33-601.723 ~~subsection 33-601.723(6)~~, F.A.C. The visitor shall not be allowed to bring needles or syringes into any department facility or dispose of them on the grounds of any department institution or facility under any circumstances.

1. through 3. No change.

(f) through (g) renumbered (e) through (f) No change.

(g) If the visitor is an authorized adult as defined in Rule 33-601.713, F.A.C., one (1) copy of a notarized authorization to supervise a minor.

(h) No change.

(i) ~~Sunglasses.~~

~~(j)~~ Small unopened package of facial tissues in clear plastic.

(2) No change.

Rulemaking Specific Authority 944.09, 944.23 FS. Law Implemented 944.09, 944.23, 944.47, 944.8031 FS.

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