

Beach Buzz

Keeping our beaches bare

Florida Bills Could Close Nude Beaches and Resorts

By Shirley Mason

Florida's legislative session is currently awash with bills that represent a threat to Florida's 4 clothing-optional beaches and a couple dozen private nudist clubs and resorts. Modest amendments to these bills in the Committee process is more than possible. However, it is clear that nude recreation in Florida could be outlawed if we don't take action NOW.

THIS IS A THREE ALARM FIRE!

Bills with names like and reference to Child Protection, Human Trafficking, Massage Therapy, Live Performances, Grooming, Beach Re-nourishment, etc. use vague, often misleading language that could easily be used to shut down nude recreation in our state. This has happened elsewhere and attempted here in the past.

My favorite quote for when lawmakers assemble to make sausage is:
"If you're not at the table, you're on the menu."

We've won several battles against those who want to take away your rights to body freedom, but we've lost too many. These bills may be well-intentioned, but without naturists and nudists speaking up to inform, educate and influence lawmakers, we will be eaten alive.

WE HAVE A PLAN

Florida Naturist and Nudist organizations have been down this road several times before with the Florida Legislature and we have a plan. These bills must either be amended so they will not harm Naturism/Nudism or be killed. Naturist/Nudist lobbyists, lawyers at the Capitol and volunteers are on it.

Volunteers are also needed to go to Tallahassee to testify and meet with legislators as well as to testify in court proceedings to neutralize a blanket anti-nudity state park rule to reclaim our lost clothing-optional beaches.



Image courtesy of the Naturist Society

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

° SIGN UP for B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation Institute's "Alerts" and bill tracking updates at: beachesfoundation.org.

° LOCATE your Florida Legislator and write them.

House www.myfloridahouse.gov

Senate www.flsenate.gov.

° DONATE your time and money. It is very expensive to educate officials, retain lawyers, provide documentation and cover volunteers' travel expenses.

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If you are a true lover of Florida's clothing-optional beaches and nudist clubs...



PLEASE JOIN THE FIGHT. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN WIN!

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What could Florida's government mean for nudists?

The politics of nudism: How Ron DeSantis's agenda could impact the nude tourism industry

By **Evan Nicks**

There is plenty to be concerned about for proponents of body freedom in the sunshine state. With the Republican Party firmly in control of both the State House of Representatives and Senate, and with Governor Ron DeSantis at the helm after winning reelection by a huge margin in 2022, many fear that the puritanical values of the conservative government will inevitably result in stricter laws and regulations against nudism and other forms of body liberation.

In recent years, the Republican-led Legislature has passed a series of discriminatory laws targeting the LGBTQ community—and other vulnerable communities in Florida... **Read the rest of the article at www.planetnude.co**



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