

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

In Re: Petition for Declaratory Statement

Petitioner: Christopher Thomas, DC # 186326

FINAL ORDER

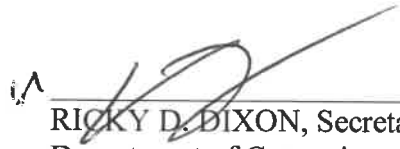
On October 27, 2021, the State of Florida, Department of Corrections (“Department”), received a Petition for Declaratory Statement from Inmate Christopher Thomas, DC # 186326 (“Petitioner”). Petitioner filed his petition pursuant to section 120.54(7)(a), Florida Statutes. Petitioner seeks a declaratory statement concerning the Department’s policies and procedures concerning inmate recreation as they relate to compliance with ADA standards and section 20.315(d)(1), Florida Statutes.

The Petition is hereby **DENIED** for the following reasons:

Petitioner is an inmate of the Department. Pursuant to section 120.18, Florida Statutes, inmates may only participate in administrative proceedings under sections 120.54(3)(c) and (7), Florida Statutes. A Petition for Declaratory Statement must be brought pursuant to section 120.565, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, the Petitioner lacks standing to bring this Petition, and the Department lacks jurisdiction to issue a declaratory statement to the Petitioner.

Pursuant to section 120.81, Florida Statutes, Petitioner may not seek judicial review of this Final Order.

DONE and ORDERED on this 14th day of January, 2022.


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