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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1226

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, Heinert, D. Johnston, Motschenbacher, Porter, Rohr

Senators Axtman, Cory, Larson, Paulson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-31-15 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to wearing a mask in a public place.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-31-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **12.1-31-15. Wearing of masks during commission of criminal offense prohibited.**

7 1. An individual may not wear a mask, hood, or other device that covers, hides, or  
8 conceals any portion of that individual's face:

9 a. With the intent to intimidate, threaten, abuse, or harass any other individual;

10 b. For the purpose of evading or escaping discovery, recognition, or identification  
11 during the commission of a criminal offense; ~~or~~

12 c. For the purpose of concealment, flight, or escape when the individual has been  
13 charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a criminal offense; ~~or~~

14 d. With the intent to conceal the identity of the individual while congregating in a  
15 public place with ~~any other individual~~ individuals wearing a mask, hood, or other  
16 device that covers, hides, or conceals any portion of the individual's face, ~~despite~~  
17 a law enforcement request to unmask.

18 2. Subdivision d of subsection 1 does not apply to public gatherings to celebrate  
19 Halloween, a masquerade, or other similar celebration.

20 3. A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.