

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1226
(Representatives Klemin, Heinert, D. Johnston, Motschenbacher, Porter, Rohr)
(Senators Axtman, Cory, Larson, Paulson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 12.1-31-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to wearing a mask in a public place.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

1. An individual may not wear a mask, hood, or other device that covers, hides, or conceals any portion of that individual's face:
 - a. With the intent to intimidate, threaten, abuse, or harass any other individual;
 - b. For the purpose of evading or escaping discovery, recognition, or identification during the commission of a criminal offense; ~~or~~
 - c. For the purpose of concealment, flight, or escape when the individual has been charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a criminal offense; or
 - d. With the intent to conceal the identity of the individual while congregating in a public place with other individuals wearing a mask, hood, or other device that covers, hides, or conceals any portion of the individual's face.
2. Subdivision d of subsection 1 does not apply to public gatherings to celebrate Halloween, a masquerade, or other similar celebration.
3. A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1226.

House Vote: Yeas 57 Nays 32 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 4 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State