

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1304

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Headland, K. Koppelman, Porter

Senators Armstrong, Casper

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-31 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to prohibiting the wearing of masks, hoods, and face coverings during
3 the commission of a criminal offense; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 12.1-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Wearing of masks during commission of criminal offense prohibited.**

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

10 a. ~~Evading~~With the intent to intimidate, threaten, abuse, or harass any other
11 individual;

12 b. For the purpose of evading or escaping discovery, recognition, or identification
13 during the commission of a criminal offense; or

14 ~~b. Concealment~~

15 c. For the purpose of concealment, flight, or escape when the individual has been
16 charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a criminal offense.

17 2. A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.

18 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.