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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing mask or disguise while interacting with public.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement officers and supplementing
2 Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. As used in this section, “law enforcement officer” means a
8 member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement
9 agency, department, or division of those governments who is
10 statutorily empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest,
11 conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the laws
12 of this State or of the United States.

13 b. Except as provided in subsection c. of this section, a law
14 enforcement officer shall not wear a mask or disguise while
15 interacting with the public in the performance of the officer’s
16 official duties.

17 c. Subsection b. of this section shall not be applicable to a law
18 enforcement officer who is:

19 (1) engaged in an undercover assignment;

20 (2) wearing a shield that does not conceal the officer’s face to
21 protect the officer’s face from harm;

22 (3) wearing a medical grade mask or N95 respirator designed to
23 prevent the transmission of disease and has obtained a statement
24 from a licensed physician that the mask or respirator is necessary to
25 protect the health of the officer; or

26 (4) wearing a mask for protection against exposure to smoke
27 during a State of Emergency.

28 d. A law enforcement officer who violates the provisions of this
29 section shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill prohibits the wearing of any mask or disguise by a law
37 enforcement officer while interacting with the public in the
38 performance of the officer’s official duties.

39 The bill’s provisions are not applicable to a law enforcement
40 officer who is: engaged in an undercover assignment; wearing a
41 shield that does not conceal the officer’s face to protect the officer’s
42 face from harm; wearing a medical grade mask or N95 respirator to
43 prevent disease if the officer has obtained a statement from a
44 licensed physician; or wearing a mask for protection against
45 exposure to smoke during a State of Emergency.

46 A law enforcement officer who violates the provisions of the bill
47 is guilty of a disorderly persons offense, which is punishable by a
48 fine of \$500 to \$1,000, up to six months imprisonment, or both.

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1 The bill defines a “law enforcement officer” as a member of any
2 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,
3 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily
4 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,
5 or detention of persons violating the laws of this State or of the
6 United States.