

**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.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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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

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State