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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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.

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

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.
This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1304 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 76 Nays 16 Absent 2

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 33 Nays 12 Absent 2

Received by the Governor at ______ M. on ____________________________, 2017.

Approved at ______ M. on ____________________________, 2017.

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