

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
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:

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

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

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

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

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