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A bill for an act

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relating to public health; requiring a facial covering at certain times.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **PURPOSE.**

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A recent study by the Institute for Health Metric and Evaluation at the University of

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Washington projected that if most Americans wear a face mask, the projected death toll

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from the coronavirus would be reduced by 45,000 lives between now and November. In

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addition to saving lives, wearing a mask is the most effective means of enabling businesses

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to reopen and remain open.

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Sec. 2. **FACIAL COVERING (FACE MASK) REQUIRED.**

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Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** In order to reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and to

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protect the health and safety of the public, all persons in Minnesota must wear a facial

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covering (face mask) that covers their nose and mouth while they are in indoor public spaces

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and outdoor public spaces where social distancing of six feet cannot be maintained. Indoor

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public spaces include but are not limited to: stores; restaurants, including take-out; public

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transportation; taxis; ride-sharing services; work places; pharmacies; doctors' offices; dental

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offices; and businesses.

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Subd. 2. **Exception.** The requirement in subdivision 1 does not apply to children under

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8 years of age or to persons with a medical condition that makes breathing while wearing

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a facial covering difficult.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Refusing service.** A business may refuse service to any person not wearing a
2.2 facial covering unless the person has a medical condition exempting the person from wearing
2.3 a facial covering.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.5 remains in effect until the commissioner of health declares that wearing a facial covering
2.6 is no longer necessary for public health.