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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public health; requiring facial covering at certain times; adding an  
1.3 exception to the prohibition on concealing identity; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2020, section 609.735.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.735, is amended to read:

1.7 **609.735 CONCEALING IDENTITY.**

1.8 A person whose identity is concealed by the person in a public place by means of a robe,  
1.9 mask, or other disguise, ~~unless based on religious beliefs, or incidental to amusement,~~  
1.10 ~~entertainment, protection from weather, or medical treatment,~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor  
1.11 unless the use of the robe, mask, or other disguise is based on religious beliefs, or is incidental  
1.12 to amusement or entertainment, or its main purpose is for protection from the weather,  
1.13 prevention of the spread of an infectious disease, or medical treatment.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.15 Sec. 2. **FACIAL COVERING REQUIRED.**

1.16 The provisions of Executive Order 20-81 signed and filed with the secretary of state on  
1.17 July 22, 2020, as amended by subsequent executive orders signed and filed with the secretary  
1.18 of state, establishing requirements for the mandatory use of facial coverings by individuals  
1.19 while indoors at Minnesota businesses and public settings, and at outdoor settings where  
1.20 social distancing of six feet is not possible, including exceptions to the mandatory facial  
1.21 covering requirements, circumstances where facial coverings may be temporarily removed,  
1.22 and penalties for noncompliance, shall remain in effect until December 31, 2021, or upon

- 2.1 the declaration by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the
- 2.2 use of facial coverings is no longer recommended, whichever occurs first.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.