

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to public safety; modifying circumstances when a person may conceal
- 1.3 their identity in public and creating specific exceptions for law enforcement officers;
- 1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.735.

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

- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.735, is amended to read:

1.7 **609.735 CONCEALING IDENTITY.**

- 1.8 (a) A person whose identity is concealed by the person in a public place by means of a
- 1.9 robe, mask, or other disguise, unless based on religious beliefs, or incidental to amusement,
- 1.10 entertainment, protection from weather, protection from smoke, gas, or other airborne toxin,
- 1.11 or medical treatment, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 1.12 (b) This section does not apply to a peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision
- 1.13 1, paragraph (c), or a federal law enforcement officer, as defined in section 626.77,
- 1.14 subdivision 3, while performing official duties as:
- 1.15 (1) an undercover officer and concealment of the officer's identity is necessary to preserve
- 1.16 the integrity of the investigation or the officer's safety; or
- 1.17 (2) a member of a tactical response team when a face mask will substantially reduce a
- 1.18 known risk of serious permanent disfigurement to the officer's face.