

HOUSE BILL NO. 571

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE OFFENSE OF CONCEALING A PERSON'S IDENTITY DURING THE COMMISSION OF AN OFFENSE AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Concealing identity during commission of offense against public order. (1) A person commits the offense of concealing a person's identity during the commission of an offense against public order if the person wears a mask, hood, or other device that covers, hides, or conceals a portion of the person's face for the purpose of evading or escaping discovery, recognition, or identification while committing an offense described in Title 45, chapter 8.

(2) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (1) is guilty of a felony and shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$5,000 or be imprisoned in the state prison for a term not to exceed 5 years, or both.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 45, chapter 8, and the provisions of Title 45, chapter 8, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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