

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME: Provides certain exceptions to the prohibition on wearing hoods, masks, and other facial disguises in public places

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:313(D) and to enact R.S. 14:313(C)(4) and (5), relative to  
3 offenses affecting the public generally; to provide relative to the prohibition on  
4 wearing hoods, masks, and other facial disguises in public places; to provide an  
5 exception for persons driving or riding a motorcycle; to provide an exception for  
6 persons wearing helmets for medical purposes or reasons; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 14:313(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:313(C)(4)  
10 and (5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §313. ~~Masks or hoods, wearing~~ Wearing of masks, hoods, or other facial disguises  
12 in public places prohibited; penalty; exceptions; permit to conduct Mardi  
13 Gras festivities, ~~how obtained~~; wearing of hoods, masks, or disguises ~~or~~  
14 ~~giving of candy or other gifts~~ by sex offenders

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16 C. Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, this Section shall not  
17 apply:

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19 (4) To persons driving or riding a motorcycle.

20 (5) To persons wearing a helmet for medical purposes or reasons.



(2) Persons wearing a helmet for medical purposes or reasons.

(Amends R.S. 14:313(D); Adds R.S. 14:313(C)(4) and (5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Amend the proposed law exception to the offense to provide that the offense shall not apply to persons riding or diving a motorcycle.
2. Add an exception for persons wearing a helmet for medical purposes or reasons.
3. Make technical corrections to citations in present law.