

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE BILL 13

By: Barrington

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crime and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1301, which relates to masks, hoods and disguises; modifying certain restrictions; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1301, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1301. It shall be unlawful for any person in this state ~~to~~ :

A. To wear a mask, hood or covering, which conceals the identity of the wearer during the commission of a crime or for the purpose of coercion, intimidation or harassment; or

B. To intentionally conceal his or her identity in a public place by means of a robe, mask, or other disguise.

~~provided~~ Provided, the provisions of Section 1301 et seq. of this title shall not apply to the pranks of children on Halloween, to those going to, or from, or participating in masquerade parties, to those participating in any public parade or exhibition of an

1 educational, religious or historical character, to those wearing
2 coverings required by their religious beliefs, for safety or medical
3 purposes, or incidental to protection from the weather, to those
4 participating in any meeting of any organization within any building
5 or enclosure wholly within and under the control of said
6 organization, and to those participating in the parades or
7 exhibitions of minstrel troupes, circuses, sporting groups, mascots
8 or other amusements or dramatic shows. Any person, or persons,
9 violating the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of
10 a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a
11 fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five
12 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for
13 a period of not exceeding one (1) year, or by both such fine and
14 imprisonment.

15 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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