AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to authorizing certain entities to require the wearing of face coverings and face masks

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 390-d to read as follows:

§ 390-d. Face coverings and masks. 1. Notwithstanding any other federal, state or local law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any firm, business, corporation, association, entity or not-for-profit corporation may require any employee, vendor or customer entering a place of business owned by such firm, business, corporation, association, entity or not-for-profit corporation to cover their mouth and nose with a mask or face covering; provided, however, that such requirements shall only apply to children over the age of two and to persons who are able to medically tolerate wearing a mask or face covering.

2. Any firm, business, corporation, association, entity or not-for-profit corporation may prohibit the entrance of persons to their facility, or remove persons from their facility, if such person refuses to cover their mouth and nose with a mask or face covering unless such person is under the age of two or unable to medically tolerate wearing a mask or face covering.

3. Any firm, business, corporation, association, entity or not-for-profit corporation requiring the wearing of a mask or face covering shall place a sign or poster at the entrance of the premises where the wearing of a mask or face covering is required. Such sign or poster shall be in plain sight and in conspicuous lettering.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.