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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to unlawful concealment of identity during a protest

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

- 1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 240.11 to  
2 read as follows:  
3 § 240.11 Concealment of identity during a protest.  
4 A person is guilty of concealment of identity during a protest when  
5 such person, while involved in a lawful assembly, unlawful assembly,  
6 protest, or riot, wears a mask or facial covering whereby the person or  
7 the person's face is disguised so as to conceal the identity of the  
8 wearer. This section shall not apply to any person wearing:  
9 1. a mask, hood, or any device for protection from weather;  
10 2. head coverings or veils in accordance with religious observance or  
11 customs;  
12 3. a mask for medical purposes; or  
13 4. a costume in any public parade, holiday, or exhibition of an educa-  
14 tional, religious, or historical character.  
15 Concealment of identity during a protest is a violation.  
16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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