

ACT No. 295

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

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 for exceptions; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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

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

20 D. All persons having charge or control of any of the festivities set forth in
21 Paragraph ~~B~~ (C)(2) of this Section; shall, in order to bring the persons participating
22 therein within the exceptions contained in Paragraph ~~B~~ (C)(2), make written
23 application for and shall obtain in advance of the festivities from the mayor of the
24 city, town, or village in which the festivities are to be held, or when the festivities are

1 to be held outside of an incorporated city, town, or village, from the sheriff of the
2 parish, a written permit to conduct the festivities. A general public proclamation by
3 the mayor or sheriff authorizing the festivities shall be equivalent to an application
4 and permit.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____