
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Substitute for Original House Bill No. 255 by Representative Bayham as proposed by the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

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1 To enact R.S. 14:313.2, relative to wearing masks while committing felonies; to provide for
2 enhanced penalties; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

3 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

4 Section 1. R.S. 14:313.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

5 §313.2. Masked felony offense; enhanced penalty

6 A. Any person charged with a felony offense or an offense punishable
7 pursuant to R.S. 14:329.7 and who, at the time of the commission of the offense, was
8 wearing a mask or other face covering with the intent to evade identification, shall
9 be subject to an enhanced penalty of up to two additional years of imprisonment with
10 or without hard labor.

11 B. The provisions of this Section do not apply to the exempted persons and
12 activities provided for in R.S. 14:313(C).

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides enhanced penalties for felonies committed while wearing a mask.

Proposed law provides that anyone who wears a mask with intent to evade identification when committing a felony shall be subject to up to two additional years of imprisonment with or without hard labor.

Proposed law does not apply to the exempted persons and activities in present law (R.S. 14:313(C)), including but not limited to masquerade balls, religious head coverings, persons driving or riding a motorcycle, and persons wearing a helmet or mask for medical purposes.

(Adds R.S. 14:313.2)