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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABILITY."**

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1 Strike subsection (b) of section 6 in its entirety and insert the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) A peace officer, while carrying out the enforcement of laws of this  
4 state, any other state or the United States, shall not wear any facial  
5 covering or personal disguise while interacting with the public in the  
6 performance of such officer's duties, except for (1) a medical grade facial  
7 covering that is designed to protect the health and safety of the peace  
8 officer, provided protecting the health and safety of the officer does not  
9 include protecting the identity of the peace officer, (2) any facial  
10 covering designed to prevent the transmission of airborne diseases, (3)  
11 any facial covering designed to protect against exposure to smoke  
12 during a fire-involved situation, (4) any facial covering necessary to  
13 perform duties during a water rescue operation, (5) any facial covering

14 related to protection against exposure to biological or chemical agents  
15 during an incident where such agents may be present, (6) any facial  
16 covering protecting against freezing temperatures, provided such facial  
17 covering is worn during an activity not requiring oral communication  
18 with the public or a person sought to be placed in custody, (7) any facial  
19 covering necessary to perform duties during an active undercover  
20 operation or assignment which have been authorized to be worn by  
21 supervising personnel or court order, or (8) any facial covering that  
22 clearly displays the officer's name and badge number on the outside of  
23 such facial covering. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,  
24 a peace officer assigned to a bomb squad, motorcycle unit or specialized  
25 weapons and tactics team is permitted to utilize gear necessary to  
26 protect such officer's face and head from physical harm while  
27 performing the duties associated with such assignment. Any peace  
28 officer who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a  
29 class D misdemeanor."