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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, or (7) any  
19 facial 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. Notwithstanding the provisions  
22 of this subsection, a peace officer assigned to a bomb squad, motorcycle  
23 unit or specialized weapons and tactics team, or a peace officer who  
24 utilizes an all-terrain vehicle or similar motorized vehicle in the  
25 performance of such officer's official duties, is permitted to utilize gear  
26 necessary to protect such officer's face and head from physical harm  
27 while performing the duties associated with such assignment. Any  
28 peace officer who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be  
29 guilty of a class D misdemeanor."