

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 542

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: McQuinn

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Wearing of masks

5. Summary:

Under current law, it is a Class 6 felony for anyone over 16 years of age to wear in public a hood, mask, or other device that covers a substantial part of the face. There are exceptions to the prohibition: traditional holiday costumes, persons engaged in professions or trades that need a mask to ensure their safety, persons engaged in a theatrical production or masquerade ball, and masks needed for medical reasons.

The proposed legislation clarifies that a person, in wearing a mask, must have the intent to conceal his identity in order to be guilty of the felony offense.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. No fiscal impact. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

Because the proposed legislation clarifies existing law and does not expand its applicability or increase its penalty, it is not expected to have a fiscal impact by increasing the need for jail or prison beds.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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