

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 656

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public health; adding an exception to the prohibition on concealing
1.3 identity; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.735.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.735, is amended to read:

1.6 **609.735 CONCEALING IDENTITY.**

1.7 A person whose identity is concealed by the person in a public place by means of a robe,
1.8 mask, or other disguise, ~~unless based on religious beliefs, or incidental to amusement,~~
1.9 ~~entertainment, protection from weather, or medical treatment,~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor
1.10 unless the use of the robe, mask, or other disguise is based on religious beliefs, or is incidental
1.11 to amusement or entertainment, or its main purpose is for protection from the weather,
1.12 prevention of the spread of an infectious disease, or medical treatment.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.