

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HARHART, THOMAS, BAKER, BEYER, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE,  
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SIPTROTH, E. Z. TAYLOR, TURZAI, WRIGHT AND CREIGHTON,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for an offense relating to  
3 disguises worn to avoid apprehension.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 5127. Disguises worn to avoid apprehension.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the  
10 person wears a mask, false whiskers or a personal disguise,  
11 whether complete or partial, for the purpose of doing any of the  
12 following:

13 (1) Evading or escaping discovery, recognition or  
14 identification in the commission of a criminal offense.

15 (2) Concealing, fleeing or escaping, when charged with,  
16 arrested for or convicted of a criminal offense.

17 (b) Grading.--A violation of subsection (a) is an offense of

1 the same grade and degree as the most serious underlying offense  
2 in subsection (a) for which the personal disguise was worn in  
3 order to flee, evade discovery, recognition, identification or  
4 capture.

5       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.