## **HOUSE BILL NO. 4760**

July 29, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Coffia, Paiz, Miller, Rheingans, Arbit, Myers-Phillips, Young, Byrnes, Pohutsky, McKinney, Brixie, Skaggs, Price, Wooden, Longjohn, Tsernoglou, Foreman, Wilson, MacDonell, Conlin and Hoskins and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code,"

(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 396a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 396a. (1) Except as provided under subsections (2) and
- 2 (3), a law enforcement officer, while interacting with a member of
- 3 the public in the performance of the law enforcement officer's
- 4 duties, shall wear appropriate identification and shall not wear a
- 5 mask or personal disguise.

- 1 (2) A law enforcement officer is not required to wear 2 appropriate identification during a covert operation.
- 3 (3) A law enforcement officer may wear a mask in any of the 4 following circumstances:
- 5 (a) To prevent the law enforcement officer from contracting an 6 airborne disease, the law enforcement officer may wear a mask that 7 is designed to prevent the transmission of airborne disease.
- 8 (b) To protect the law enforcement officer from airborne
  9 toxins that could trigger illness in an individual immediately or
  10 in the future, the law enforcement officer may wear a mask that
  11 protects against exposure to the airborne toxins.
- (c) To protect the law enforcement officer from physical harm while engaged in high-risk situations, including, but not limited to, a shootout, standoff, hostage-taking situation, or terrorist situation, the law enforcement officer may wear a mask that provides physical protection to the face.
- 17 (4) A law enforcement officer who violates subsection (1) is 18 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more 19 than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
- 20 (5) As used in this section:
- 21 (a) "Appropriate identification" means items that display both 22 of the following:
- 23 (i) The law enforcement officer's name or badge number.
- 24 (ii) The full name or initials of the law enforcement officer's employing law enforcement agency.
- 26 (b) "Covert operation" means an operation during which a law 27 enforcement officer must conceal the officer's identity or purpose 28 to investigate and gather evidence of criminal activity.
- 29 (c) "Law enforcement officer" includes both of the following:

- 1 (i) A law enforcement officer as that term is defined in 2 section 2 of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards 3 act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.602.
- 4 (ii) A federal law enforcement officer.
- 5 (d) "Personal disguise" means any alteration of an 6 individual's appearance with the intent to conceal the individual's 7 identity or mislead others.
- 8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days9 after the date it is enacted into law.