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**Explanation of Changes in CSHB 250(STA)**  
**Version I to Version G**  
**“Law Enforcement; Concealing One’s Face”**

Version G of the bill adds additional exemptions from the prohibition of peace officers from concealing their faces.

Specifically, in new section 11.56.880(a), on page 2, lines 1 through 4, all material was deleted and the following exemptions were inserted:

“(B) a medical mask or surgical mask designed to protect against transmission of disease or infection or any other mask or device, including an air-purifying respirator, a full or half mask, or a self-contained breathing apparatus, necessary to protect against exposure to a toxin, gas, smoke, inclement weather, or another hazardous or harmful environmental condition;”

On page 2, line 11, further exemptions were added:

“(E) a helmet if the officer is using a motorcycle or other vehicle that requires a helmet for safe operation while in the performance of the officer's duties;

“(3) is participating in a tactical operation for which protective gear is required for immediate physical safety; in this paragraph, "tactical operation" means a planned or emergent law enforcement activity

“(A) involving the elevated risk of death or serious physical injury, specialized operational methods, or hazardous environmental conditions; and

“(B) for which a peace officer's use of protective equipment that partially or fully covers the face is reasonably necessary for officer safety or mission execution and is not intended to conceal the officer's identity;

“(4) is assigned to a special weapons and tactics team and is actively performing responsibilities of that team.”