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Sectional Summary

HB 250

Law Enforcement; Concealing One's Face

Sec. 1: Amends AS 11.56 by adding a new section—11.56.880—stating that a peace officer is in violation of the law if they conceal their face with a mask or disguise while interacting with the public in an official capacity.

This section also lists circumstances under which the law would not apply. They include:

- If the officer is on an undercover assignment
- If the officer is wearing a shield designed to protect their face from harm without obscuring their face
- If the officer is wearing a medical mask or respirator for health reasons and has a statement from a licensed physician stating as much
- Or if the officer is wearing a mask to protect from exposure to smoke.

Section 1 also states that wearing a mask in public while acting as a peace officer is a class B misdemeanor (punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2000).

Sec. 2: Amends uncodified law to state that the act applies only to offenses committed on or after the effective date of the act.

Sec. 3: Provides an immediate effective date for the act.