

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 208

An act relating to standards for law enforcement identification

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2373 is added to read:

§ 2373. STATEWIDE MODEL POLICY; LAW ENFORCEMENT
IDENTIFICATION STANDARDS

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Facial covering” means any opaque mask, garment, disguise, or other item that conceals or obscures the facial identity of an individual, including a balaclava, gaiter mask, ski mask, and other similar types of facial coverings.

(2) “Law enforcement agency” has the same meaning as in section 2351a of this title.

(3) “Law enforcement officer” has the same meaning as in section 2351a of this title.

(b) On or before July 1, 2027, the Law Enforcement Advisory Board shall establish a model statewide policy governing the standards for law enforcement identification and the wearing of facial coverings applicable to law enforcement officers to ensure consistent statewide application of the standards.

(c) On or before October 1, 2027, every law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy consistent with the model statewide policy developed by the Law Enforcement Advisory Board pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. If a law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer who is not employed by a law enforcement agency fails to adopt a policy pursuant to this section, the agency or officer shall be deemed to have adopted the model statewide policy developed by the Law Enforcement Advisory Board.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.