

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 208
3 entitled “An act relating to standards for law enforcement identification”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 2373. STATEWIDE MODEL POLICY; LAW ENFORCEMENT

9 IDENTIFICATION STANDARDS

10 (a) As used in this section:

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

15 (2) “Law enforcement agency” has the same meaning as in section
16 2351a of this title.

17 (3) “Law enforcement officer” has the same meaning as in section
18 2351a of this title.

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

1 law enforcement officers to ensure consistent statewide application of the
2 standards.

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

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE