SENATE BILL NO. 510

August 26, 2025, Introduced by Senators MOSS, CAVANAGH and CHANG and referred to Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety.

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:

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

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- 1 (2) A law enforcement officer may wear a mask in any of the 2 following circumstances:
- 3 (a) To prevent the law enforcement officer from contracting an 4 airborne disease, the law enforcement officer may wear a mask that 5 is designed to prevent the transmission of airborne disease.
- 6 (b) To protect the law enforcement officer from airborne
 7 toxins during a state of emergency, the law enforcement officer may
 8 wear a mask that protects against exposure to the airborne toxins
 9 during the state of emergency.
- 10 (c) The law enforcement officer may wear a mask that provides 11 physical protection to the face.
- 12 (3) A law enforcement officer who violates subsection (1) is 13 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more 14 than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00.
- 15 (4) This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer 16 engaged in an undercover assignment.
- 17 (5) As used in this section:
- 18 (a) "Appropriate uniform" means a uniform that displays the 19 law enforcement officer's name or badge number.
- 20 (b) "Law enforcement officer" means all of the following:
- 21 (i) A law enforcement officer as that term is defined in 22 section 2 of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards 23 act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.602.
 - (ii) A federal law enforcement officer.
- (c) "Mask" includes, but is not limited to, a piece of nontransparent material meant to cover the face or conceal an individual's identity that would otherwise be readily apparent.
- 28 Mask does not include a face shield that does not conceal the
- 29 wearer's face.

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- 1 (d) "Undercover assignment" means any investigative activity
 2 that involves the use of an assumed name or cover identity by a law
 3 enforcement officer under the jurisdiction of a federal law
 4 enforcement agency, local law enforcement agency, or another law
 5 enforcement agency of this state.
- 6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days 7 after the date it is enacted into law.