

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 179

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 574, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the crime of concealing a person's identity, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 574.055, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to
2 be known as section 574.055, to read as follows:

**574.055. 1. A person commits the crime of concealing a person's identity if he or
2 she is committing the crime of unlawful assembly under section 574.040 or rioting under
3 section 574.050 and intentionally conceals his or her identity by the means of a robe, mask,
4 or other disguise.**

**5 2. It shall be an affirmative defense to a cause of action under this section if the
6 person was wearing a robe, mask, or other disguise required by his or her religious beliefs
7 or for safety or medical purposes.**

8 3. The crime of concealing a person's identity is a class A misdemeanor.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.