

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 488

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## 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.

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*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:

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

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

10 **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.