



HOUSE BILL 257: Motorcycles/Face Masks.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 19, 2019
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 257 would provide an exemption from the prohibition on wearing face masks on public ways and on public property for operators of motorcycles.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-12.7 prohibits any person age 16 or older from wearing a mask on any public way in the State. G.S. 14-12.8 prohibits any person from wearing a mask on any public property in the State. Violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 257 would provide an exception from the prohibition on wearing masks on public ways and public property. The exception would apply to any person wearing a mask for the purpose of protecting his or her head or face when operating a motorcycle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective December 1, 2019, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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