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To provide for enhanced penalties for wearing a ski mask while committing a criminal offense in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Concealed Crime Pre-
5 vention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTY FOR WEARING SKI MASK DUR-** 7 **ING THE COMMISSION OF CRIMINAL OF-** 8 **FENSE IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the District of Colum-
10 bia Theft and White Collar Crime Act of 1982 (sec. 22–

1 3601 et seq., D.C. Official Code) is amended by adding
2 at the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 206. ENHANCED PENALTY FOR WEARING SKI MASK**
4 **DURING THE COMMISSION OF CRIMINAL OF-**
5 **FENSE.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A person who wears a ski mask
7 during the commission of criminal offense in the District
8 of Columbia shall be subject to the following enhanced
9 penalties in addition to any other applicable sentence for
10 such offense:

11 “(1) With respect to a misdemeanor, a term of
12 imprisonment of not less than 6 months, which shall
13 run consecutively with any other term of imprison-
14 ment imposed for such offense.

15 “(2) With respect to a felony, a term of impris-
16 onment of not less than 2 years, which shall run
17 consecutively with any other term of imprisonment
18 imposed for such offense.

19 “(b) SKI MASK DEFINED.—In this section, the term
20 ‘ski mask’—

21 “(1) means a balaclava or similar head covering
22 which is worn in such a manner that only the eyes,
23 nose, and mouth are exposed and the identity of the
24 wearer is concealed; and

25 “(2) excludes religious headwear.”.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendment
2 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to a criminal
3 offense committed in the District of Columbia on or after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

