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To require face masks in Federal facilities to prevent the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Wear Your Mask Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. MASKS REQUIRED IN FEDERAL FACILITIES.**

6 (a) MASKS REQUIRED.—Each Federal agency shall
7 take action to ensure that an individual is required to wear
8 a face mask if such individual is—

9 (1) inside a Federal facility under the jurisdic-
10 tion of such agency; and

1 (2) within 6 feet of another individual.

2 (b) ENFORCEMENT.—A Federal agency may remove
3 or deny service to an individual who fails to wear a mask
4 in accordance with subsection (a).

5 (c) PROVISION OF MASKS.—Each Federal agency
6 shall make face masks available at each entrance to a Fed-
7 eral facility at which such agency maintains a presence.

8 (d) FUNDING.—A Federal agency shall use funds
9 otherwise appropriated to such agency to carry out this
10 section.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
12 nitions apply:

13 (1) CAPITOL BUILDINGS.—The term “Capitol
14 Buildings” has the meaning given such term in sec-
15 tion 5101 of title 40, United States Code.

16 (2) FACE MASK.—The term “face mask” means
17 a mask covering both the nose and mouth, or other
18 protective face covering, that reasonably can be ex-
19 pected to minimize the transmission of SARS-CoV-
20 2.

21 (3) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
22 agency” has the meaning given such term in section
23 102 of title 40, United States Code, except that with
24 respect to Capitol Buildings the Office of the Archi-

1 tect of the Capitol shall be treated as the relevant
2 Federal agency.

3 (4) FEDERAL FACILITY.—The term “Federal
4 facility” means—

5 (A) a building or any part thereof owned
6 or leased by the Federal Government for use by
7 a Federal agency; and

8 (B) the Capitol Buildings or any part
9 thereof.

10 (f) TERMINATION.—The requirements of this section
11 shall cease to have effect on the date on which the Director
12 of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Dis-
13 eases determines, and publishes in the Federal Register
14 a notification of such determination, that the requirement
15 to wear a mask is no longer necessary to prevent trans-
16 mission of SARS-CoV-2.

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