



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 4A - PROHIBITED SECRET SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

N.C.G.S. § 14-12.11.

Exemptions from provisions of Article.

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- § 14-12.11(a) Any of the following are exempted from the provisions of G.S. 14-12.7, 14-12.8, 14-12.9, 14-12.10 and 14-12.14:
- (1) Any person or persons wearing traditional holiday costumes in season.
 - (2) Any person or persons engaged in trades and employment where a mask is worn for the purpose of ensuring the physical safety of the wearer, or because of the nature of the occupation, trade or profession.
 - (3) Any person or persons using masks in theatrical productions including use in Mardi Gras celebrations and masquerade balls.
 - (4) Persons wearing gas masks prescribed in civil defense drills and exercises or emergencies.
 - (5) Any person or persons, as members or members elect of a society, order or organization, engaged in any parade, ritual, initiation, ceremony, celebration or requirement of such society, order or organization, and wearing or using any manner of costume, paraphernalia, disguise, facial makeup, hood, implement or device, whether the identity of such person or persons is concealed or not, on any public or private street, road, way or property, or in any public or private building, provided permission shall have been first obtained therefor by a representative of such society, order or organization from the governing body of the municipality in which the same takes place, or, if not in a municipality, from the board of county commissioners of the county in which the same takes place.

(6) Any person wearing a medical or surgical grade mask for the purpose of preventing the spread of contagious disease.

§ 14-12.11(a1) This Article shall not apply to any preliminary meetings held in good faith for the purpose of organizing, promoting or forming a labor union or a local organization or subdivision of any labor union nor shall the provisions of this Article apply to any meetings held by a labor union or organization already organized, operating and functioning and holding meetings for the purpose of transacting and carrying out functions, pursuits and affairs expressly pertaining to such labor union.

§ 14-12.11(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 14-12.7 and G.S. 14-12.8, a person may wear a mask for the purpose of protecting the person's head, face, or head and face, when operating a motorcycle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01. A person wearing a mask when operating a motorcycle shall remove the mask during a traffic stop, including at a checkpoint or roadblock under G.S. 20-16.3A, or when approached by a law enforcement officer.

§ 14-12.11(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(6) of this section, a person wearing a mask in accordance with subdivision (a)(6) of this section shall (i) remove the mask upon request by a law enforcement officer or (ii) temporarily remove the mask upon request by the owner or occupant of public or private property where the wearer is present to allow for identification of the wearer.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1953	c. 1193, s. 10	ENACTED
02	2019	S.L. 2019-115, s. 1	AMENDED
03	2020	S.L. 2020-3, s. 4.3(a)	AMENDED
04	2020	S.L. 2020-93, ss. 2, 3	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
4 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-12.7	(a)	"are exempted from the provisions of"
G.S. 14-12.8	(b)	"Notwithstanding G.S. 14-12.7 and"
G.S. 20-4.01	(b)	"operating a motorcycle, as defined in"
G.S. 20-16.3A	(b)	"at a checkpoint or roadblock under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-12.11 (2024).

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HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE
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