WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §61-6-22

§61-6-22. Wearing masks, hoods or face coverings.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person, whether in a motor vehicle or otherwise, while wearing any mask, hood or device whereby any portion of the face is so covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer, may:
- (1) Come into or appear upon any walk, alley, street, road, highway or other thoroughfare dedicated to public use;
- (2) Come into or appear in any trading area, concourse, waiting room, lobby or foyer open to, used by or frequented by the general public;
- (3) Come into or appear upon or within any of the grounds or buildings owned, leased, maintained or operated by the state or any political subdivision thereof;
- (4) Ask, request, or demand entrance or admission to the premises, enclosure, dwelling or place of business of any other person within this state; or
- (5) Attend or participate in any meeting upon private property of another unless written permission for such meeting has first been obtained from the owner or occupant thereof.
- (b) The provisions of this section do not apply to any person:
- (1) Under sixteen years of age;
- (2) Wearing a traditional holiday costume;
- (3) Engaged in a trade or employment where a mask, hood or device is worn for the purpose of ensuring the physical safety of the wearer;
- (4) Using a mask, hood or device in theatrical productions, including use in mardi gras celebrations or similar masquerade balls;
- (5) Wearing a mask, hood or device prescribed for civil defense drills, exercises or emergencies; or
- (6) Wearing a mask, hood or device for the sole purpose of protection from the elements or while participating in a winter sport.
- (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year, or both fined and imprisoned.