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H. R. 348

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. SCANLON, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

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”.

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

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

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

7 (2) within 6 feet of another individual.

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

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

14 (d) FUNDING.—A Federal agency shall use funds
15 otherwise appropriated to such agency to carry out this
16 section.

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

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

22 (2) FACE MASK.—The term “face mask” means
23 a mask covering both the nose and mouth that rea-
24 sonably can be expected to minimize the trans-
25 mission of SARS-CoV-2.

1 (3) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
2 agency” has the meaning given such term in section
3 102 of title 40, United States Code, except that with
4 respect to Capitol Buildings, the Office of the Archi-
5 tect of the Capitol shall be treated as the relevant
6 Federal agency.

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

9 (A) a building or any part thereof owned
10 or leased by the Federal Government for use by
11 a Federal agency; and

12 (B) the Capitol Buildings or any part
13 thereof.

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

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