A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Face Mask Requirements – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a State or local elected official, governmental entity, or other person from requiring an individual to wear a certain face mask as a condition of entry into certain places or receiving certain goods, services, or education, except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to requirements to wear face masks.

BY adding to Article – Health – General Section 24–1801 and 24–1802 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 18. Face Masks” Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

Subtitle 18. Face Masks.

24–1801.

(A) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(B) (1) “Face mask” means a particulate filtering facepiece respirator or face mask that meets U.S. National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health or equivalent international

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
STANDARDS FOR FILTERING AT LEAST 94% OR 95% OF AIRBORNE PARTICULATES, INCLUDING N95, KN95, AND KF94 MASKS.

(2) “FACE MASK” DOES NOT INCLUDE A SURGICAL FACE MASK OR OTHER CLOTH FACE COVERING.

(C) “GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY” MEANS:

(I) THE STATE;

(II) A COUNTY; OR

(III) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.