

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
CONFERENCE REPORT  
House Bill 237**

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[YES] Title Change

[YES] For Committee Substitute

To:           The President of the Senate  
              The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on House Bill 237, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 5/14/24, submit the following report:

The House and the Senate agree to the following amendment to the Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 5/14/24, and the House concurs in the Senate Committee Substitute, as amended:

Delete the entire Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 5/14/24, and substitute the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H237-PCCS40622-CE-5.



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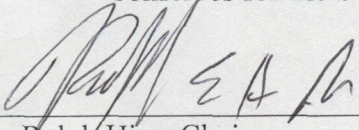
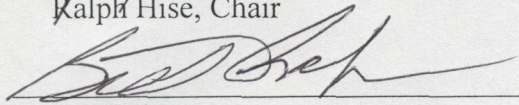
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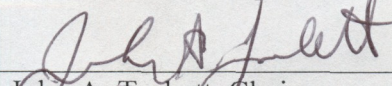
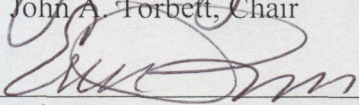
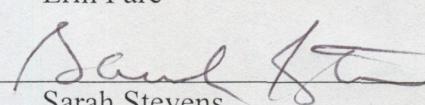
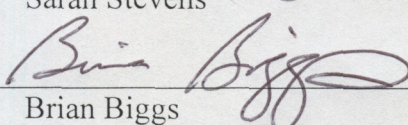
The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: June 6, 2024.

Conferees for the Senate

  
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Ralph Hise, Chair  
  
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