

## **Wording of the Anti-Face-Veiling Act**

### **Federal Act on the Prohibition of Concealing the Face in the Public (Anti-Face-Veiling Act (Anti-Gesichtsverhüllungsgesetz – AGesVG))**

#### **Objective**

**§ 1.** The objective of this Federal Act is to promote integration by strengthening participation in social life and to secure peaceful coexistence in Austria. Integration is a process involving the whole society, the success of which depends on the participation of all people living in Austria and is based on personal interaction.

#### **Prohibition on concealment**

**§ 2.** (1) Anyone who, in public places or in public buildings, hides or conceals their facial features by means of clothing or other objects in such a way that they are no longer recognizable commits an administrative offense and shall be punished with a fine up to EUR 150.00. The administrative offense can be prosecuted with a summary penalty notice according to § 50 Administrative Penal Act 1991 of up to EUR 150.00. Public places or public buildings are places that are at all times or at certain times accessible to a group of people not a priori limited, including the non-stationary public facilities of public or private bus, rail, air and maritime traffic.

(2) No violation of the prohibition of concealment pursuant to para 1 is committed if concealment or covering of the facial features is provided by federal or state law or takes place within the framework of artistic, cultural or traditional events or during sports activities or has health or professional grounds.

#### **Jurisdiction**

**§ 3.** The implementation of administrative penal proceedings for infringement against § 2 is the responsibility of district administrative authorities; in the area of a municipality for which the Police Directorate of a Land is, at the same time, the law enforcement authority of first instance, it is this authority's responsibility. § 86 para 2 Security Police Act shall apply accordingly.

#### **Execution**

**§ 4.** The Federal Minister of the Interior is responsible for the execution of this federal act.

#### **Entry into force**

**§ 5.** This Federal Act will enter into force on the 1st of October 2017.

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