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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Denmark
Title:	Adoption of Burqa ban
Date:	4 June 2018
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	Danish parliament adopted new law prohibiting face covering in the public sphere
Ground of discrimination:	Ethnic origin and religion/belief
Source:	Bill No. L 219 on Act amending the Penal Code (prohibition of face covering) adopted on May 31, 2018
Field:	Other (Public sphere)

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Law: The Danish parliament has amended the Penal Code on May 31, 2018 and made it a crime to wear face coverings in public. Bill No. 219 will enter into force on August 1, 2018.

The preparatory work describes that the following garments will be illegal in the public sphere if they cover the face: hats, hoods, scarfs including burqa and niqab, masks, helmets, artificial beards.

According to the preparatory work, the aim of the prohibition is to demonstrate that it is incompatible with Danish values and social cohesion in the Danish society to have the face covered in the public sphere.

The fine for the first violation of the prohibition is DKK 1.000 (€ 135). The fine will increase in case of more violations.

Internet link source: <http://www.ft.dk/samling/20171/lovforslag/L219/index.htm>.