

Subject Surgical smoke evacuation systems required

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Overview

The use of lasers and electrosurgical units during surgery creates a smoke. The smoke can contain viruses and toxic gases and vapors and can irritate the respiratory tract.

This bill would require health care employers in facilities performing surgeries to use equipment to capture and filter surgical smoke during surgical procedures likely to generate the smoke.

Summary

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| 1 | Surgical smoke evacuation system policies.
Requires hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, and outpatient surgical centers to use a smoke evacuation system during surgical procedures likely to generate surgical smoke. Requires the commissioner of labor and industry to enforce the requirement. |
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