

SENATE BILL NO. 29

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND HENRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part XV of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 40:2200.11, relative to surgical smoke plume; to provide for
4 definitions; to require certain healthcare facilities to adopt and implement policies
5 regarding surgical smoke plume evacuation; to provide for the authority of the
6 Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part XV of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:2200.11, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **PART XV. SURGICAL SAFETY PROCEDURES**

11 **§2200.11. Surgical smoke plume evacuation policy required**

12 **A. For the purposes of this Section, "surgical smoke plume" means the**
13 **byproduct of using heat-producing equipment on tissue during surgery.**

14 **B. Healthcare facilities licensed pursuant to this Chapter which provide**
15 **any surgical procedure using heat-producing equipment, including but not**
16 **limited to electrosurgery and lasers, shall adopt and implement policies for a**
17 **surgical smoke plume evacuation plan to mitigate and remove the surgical**
18 **smoke plume.**

19 **C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall verify compliance with this**
20 **Section through onsite surveys that are specific to surgical services, full**

1 licensing surveys, full recertification surveys, and complaint surveys if
2 allegations specific to surgical services are alleged.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____