

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.

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

PART XV. SURGICAL SAFETY PROCEDURES

§2200.11. Surgical smoke plume evacuation policy required

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

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

C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall verify compliance with this 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: _____