
DIGEST

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SB 29 Engrossed 2023 Regular Session Boudreaux

Proposed law defines "surgical smoke plume".

Proposed law requires licensed healthcare facilities which provide surgical procedures using heat-producing equipment, including but not limited to electrosurgery and lasers, to adopt and implement policies for the use of a surgical smoke plume evacuation plan to mitigate and remove the surgical smoke plume.

Proposed law provides for the La. Department of Health to verify compliance with proposed law through onsite surveys that are specific to surgical services, full licensing surveys, full recertification surveys, and complaint surveys if allegations specific to surgical services are alleged.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 40:2200.11)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Amend the definition of surgical smoke plume.
2. Amend the definition of surgical smoke plume evacuation system.
3. Amend the healthcare facility policy requirements.
4. Clarify the authority of the La. Dept. of Health.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove definition of "surgical smoke plume evacuation".
2. Clarify that a healthcare facility's policy should implement a surgical smoke plume evacuation plan.
3. Make technical corrections.