

A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to protection from surgical smoke;  
 creating s. 395.1013, F.S.; defining the terms "smoke  
 evacuation system" and "surgical smoke"; requiring  
 hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to, by a  
 specified date, adopt and implement policies requiring  
 the use of smoke evacuation systems during certain  
 surgical procedures; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 395.1013, Florida Statutes, is created  
 to read:

395.1013 Smoke evacuation systems required.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Smoke evacuation system" means equipment that  
 effectively captures, filters, and eliminates surgical smoke at  
 the site of origin before the smoke makes contact with the eyes  
 or respiratory tract of occupants in the room.

(b) "Surgical smoke" means the gaseous byproduct produced  
 by energy-generating devices such as lasers and electrosurgical  
 devices. The term includes, but is not limited to, surgical  
 plume, smoke plume, bio-aerosols, laser-generated airborne  
 contaminants, and lung-damaging dust.

(2) By January 1, 2024, each licensed facility shall adopt

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26 | and implement policies that require the use of a smoke  
27 | evacuation system during any surgical procedure that is likely  
28 | to generate surgical smoke.

29 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.