



HOUSE BILL 650: Smoke-Free Operating Rooms.

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of the bill as it was
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 650 would establish standards in hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities for the evacuation of surgical smoke produced by energy-generating devices.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 650 would require hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to adopt and implement policies that require the use of an evacuation system for surgical smoke that is likely to be generated during a surgical procedure. The following definitions apply:

- **Smoke evacuation system.** – Equipment that effectively captures, filters, and eliminates surgical smoke at the site of origin before the smoke makes contact with the eyes or the respiratory tracts of occupants in the room.
- **Surgical smoke.** – The gaseous by-product produced by energy-generating devices, including surgical plume, smoke plume, bio-aerosols, laser-generated airborne contaminants, or lung-damaging dust.

The bill would also authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to take adverse action against a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility for violation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective January 1, 2024.

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