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SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9F.1: Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Facility Standards on Surgical Smoke Evacuation

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 9F.1

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Section 9F.1 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) amends the definition of “smoke evacuation/filtering systems” applicable to hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to specify that an assistant-held smoke evacuation device qualifies as a smoke evacuation/filtering system.

This section became effective July 7, 2026.

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