DOH Licensed Facilities May Be Required to Prevent Exposure to Surgical Smoke



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Assembly Bill 256 passed in both houses of the New Jersey Legislature on January 26, 2023, and now awaits being signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy. If signed into law, this bill would require healthcare facilities licensed by the Department of Health to adopt and implement policies for use of smoke evacuation systems for the prevention of exposure to surgical smoke generated during some surgical procedures. The bill would not apply to long-term care, adult medical day care, home health, and psychiatric hospitals.

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