

Senator Kathleen Riebe proposes the following substitute bill:

SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kathleen Riebe

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes requirements for surgical facilities to develop policies to evacuate surgical smoke.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ directs facilities that conduct surgeries to develop policies to eliminate exposure to surgical smoke.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-21-33, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-21-33** is enacted to read:

1st Sub. S.B. 105



26 26-21-33. Regulation of surgical smoke.

27 (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Surgical smoke" means the gaseous by-product produced by energy-generating
29 devices including surgical plume, smoke plume, bio-aerosols, laser-generated airborne
30 contaminants, or lung-damaging dust.

31 (b) "Surgical smoke evacuation system" means equipment designed to capture and
32 neutralize surgical smoke at the point of origin and before the surgical smoke makes contact
33 with the eyes or the respiratory tract of the individuals in a room.

34 (2) Each specialty hospital that offers surgical procedures, each ambulatory surgical
35 facility, and each general acute hospital shall adopt and implement a policy that prevents
36 human exposure to smoke via the use of a surgical smoke evacuation system during any
37 planned surgical procedure that is likely to generate surgical smoke.