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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Brenner

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### SUMMARY

- Requires ambulatory surgical facilities and hospitals to adopt and implement policies designed to prevent human exposure to surgical smoke during planned surgical procedures.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Regulation of surgical smoke

The bill requires ambulatory surgical facilities and hospitals that perform surgeries to adopt and implement policies designed to prevent human exposure to surgical smoke during planned surgical procedures likely to generate such smoke.<sup>1</sup> “Surgical smoke” is defined by the bill as the airborne byproduct of an energy-generating device used in a surgical procedure, including smoke plume, bioaerosols, gases, laser-generated contaminants, and dust.<sup>2</sup>

The policy, which must be in place within one year of the bill’s effective date, must include the use of a surgical smoke evacuation system. The system required by the bill is described as equipment designed to capture and neutralize surgical smoke at the point of origin, before the smoke makes contact with the eyes or respiratory tract of an individual.<sup>3</sup>

The Director of Health is authorized by the bill to adopt rules to implement the bill’s requirements. The rules must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.C. Chapter 119).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3702.3011(B) and 3727.25.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3702.3011(A)(1).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3702.3011(A)(2) and (B) and 3727.25.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3702.3011(C) and 3727.25.

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## HISTORY

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