House Bill 2194

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to use smoke evacuation system during surgical procedures likely to generate surgical smoke.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to surgical smoke.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 441.015 to 441.063.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Energy generating device” means a tool that performs a surgical function using heat, laser, electricity or other form of energy.

(b) “Smoke evacuation system” means equipment that effectively captures and neutralizes surgical smoke at the point of origin and before the smoke makes contact with the eyes or the respiratory tract of the occupants of a room.

(c) “Surgical smoke” means the by-product that results from contact with tissue by an energy generating device.

(2) A hospital or ambulatory surgical center licensed in this state shall adopt policies that require the use of a smoke evacuation system during any surgical procedure that is likely to generate surgical smoke.

(3) The Oregon Health Authority shall ensure compliance with this section during any on-site inspection conducted in accordance with ORS 441.025.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.