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S.F. No. 3948 – Surgical smoke evacuation systems policy requirement

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S.F. 3948 would require health care employers in facilities where surgeries are performed to use equipment to capture and filter surgical smoke during surgical procedures likely to generate the smoke.

Section 1 provides definitions applicable to the new section including “surgical smoke,” “smoke evacuation system,” and “health care employer.”

Section 2 requires health care employers, including hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, and outpatient surgical centers, to adopt policies requiring the use of a smoke evacuation system during procedures likely to generate surgical smoke in order to prevent exposure to the smoke for employees.

Section 3 requires the commissioner of labor and industry to enforce this section.

Provides an **effective date** of January 1, 2025.