

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB763

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Delaney

3. **Committee:** Health and Human Services

4. **Title:** Board of Health; hospital regulations; use of smoke evacuation systems during surgical procedures.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Health to amend its regulations to require that every hospital where surgical procedures are performed adopt a policy requiring the use of a smoke evacuation system for all planned surgical procedures. The bill defines "smoke evacuation system" as smoke evacuation equipment and technologies designed to capture, filter, and remove surgical smoke at the site of origin and to prevent surgical smoke from making ocular contact or contact with a person's respiratory tract. The provisions of this legislation shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation, as amended, would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Board of Health to amend regulations, which can be handled within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.