

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 80th Texas Legislative Session

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NATIONAL ISSUE

- **YOUR EXPERTISE IS NEEDED:** As of 05/02/07 The Joint Commission has posted several proposed changes to the IC chapter, and is requesting public comment through 06/13/07 at: http://www.jointcommission.org/Standards/SII/sii_ic.htm . The proposed standard changes apply to the ambulatory care, critical access hospital, home care, hospital and office-based surgery programs. APIC is strongly encouraging each individual ICP to review and comment, and, to forward your comments to Denise Graham at APIC HQ (dgraham@apic.org).

TEXAS ISSUES

- As of 04/27/07 the 11/17/06 proposed changes to TAC 25, Chapter 97 (Reporting of Communicable Diseases) has not been formerly adopted according to the Texas Register publication as of 04/28/07.
- As of 05/02/07 there are 45 bills filed with the word “Infection” and 233 bills filed with the word “Disease”. Of those, 18 bills below have the potential to impact the practice of infection prevention and control in healthcare facilities. Of those 18, only those with activity are listed below – Please see previous 2007 reports at www.apicdfw.org (Professional Support → Government Affairs) if a bill you were tracking is not listed.
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 05/02/07.

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 288 (Nelson)	Passed Senate 4/4; Referred to PH [♦] 04/05; [^] 4/23; Passed House 05/02	Relating to health care-associated infection rates at certain health care facilities and the creation of an advisory panel. ... this is moving through the legislative process and has a strong chance of passing into law.
HB 678 (Davis of Dallas)	Referred to PH 02/06; [^] 03/14; left pending in committee	Relating to infection rates at health-care facilities.
SB 33 (Nelson)	Passed Senate 3/14; Referred to PH 03/26	Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study in an institution of higher education.
SB 110 (Van de Putte)	Referred to HHS ⁺ 01/29; [^] 3/26; Referred to PH 4/25	Relating to immunization against human papilloma virus

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HB 1082 (Straus)	Referred to PH 02/12; ^ 4/11 & 4/18; 5/4 Placed on Local, Consent, and Res. Calendar	Relating to a pilot program to require reporting of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.
HB 1098 (Bonnen)	4/26 Sent to Governor	Relating to prohibiting immunization against human papilloma virus as a condition for admission to public school.
SB 278 (Gallegos)	Referred to State Affairs 01/30	Relating to the creation of a state occupational health and safety plan; establishing a maintenance tax.
HB 1379 (Deshotel)	5/2 sent to the Governor	Relating to human papilloma virus education programs.
HB 1398 (Delisi)	Referred to PH 02/19 ^ 03/14; 4/18 Placed on General State Calendar; 5/2 Companion SB288 considered in lieu	Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections at certain health care facilities and the creation of an advisory panel.
SB 810 (Janek)	Passed Senate 04/12; Referred to PH 4/13	Relating to control measures and court orders for management of persons with communicable diseases.
HB 1885 (Vo)	Referred to PH 02/27; ^ 03/14 and left pending in committee	Relating to health care-associated infection rates at certain health care facilities and the creation of an advisory panel.
HB 2763 (Eiland)	Filed 03/06; Referred to Ways & Means 03/14; ^ 4/4; Left Pending in Committee	Relating to the creation of a state occupational health and safety plan; establishing a maintenance tax.

* Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us/ to view content of bills filed

+ Health & Human Services Committee

◆ Public Health Committee

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing

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