

## DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session

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**NATIONAL:** The new CDC isolation guidelines have been published on the CDC website and can be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/guidelines/Isolation2007.pdf>

### **TEXAS REGISTER**

- The 12/15/06 proposed Texas Hospital Licensing Rules (TAC 25, Part I, Chapter 133) have been adopted as of 06/15/07. The publication can be accessed at (pages 45-154) <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/currview/0615adop.pdf>
- As of 06/01/07 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 06/29/07.

### **TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

- As of 07/02/07 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 that are now law are listed below – Please see previous 2007 reports at [www.apicdfw.org](http://www.apicdfw.org) (Professional Support → Government Affairs) if a bill you were tracking is not listed.

#### Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content\*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 288 (Nelson)	Signed by Governor 6/15; Effective Immediately	Relating to health care-associated infection rates at certain health care facilities and the creation of an advisory panel.
HB 1082 (Straus)	Signed by Governor 6/15; Effective Immediately	Relating to a pilot program to require reporting of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.  NOTE: Based in San Antonio only
HB 1379 (Deshotel)	Signed by Governor 5/11; Effective 9/1/07	Relating to human papilloma virus education programs.

\* Go to [www.capitol.state.tx.us/](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/) to view content of bills filed

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