

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 79th Texas Legislative Session

February 2005 – 3rd Update 02/21/05

FEDERAL ISSUES

- 12/06/04 Federal Register published *DRAFT* document “Draft Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-care Settings, 2005” (Vol.69, No.233, pages 70457 – 70458. Deadline for public comment is 02/04/05.

TEXAS ISSUES

- Friday March 11, 2005: Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor.
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 02/21/05

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 162 (McCall)	Ref to Public Health 01/31/05; ^ PH 02/23	Relating to notifying certain providers of emergency care of possible exposure to certain reportable diseases (public citizens).
HB 738 (Nixon)	Ref to Civil Practices 02/09/05 PH 02/23	Relating to updating citations to Chapter 74, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, In Chapter 81, Health & Safety Code (EMS) – Does not impact us, as this is more a reporting/compensation change.
HB 734 (Davis)	Ref to Public Health 02/09/05	Relating to infection rates at health-care facilities.
SB 357 (Van de Putte)	Ref to Hlth & Human Services 02/15/05	Relating to infection rates at hospitals; providing a civil penalty.
HB 1316 (Zelder)	Ref to Public Health 02/21	Relating to immunization requirements for children in regulated child-care facilities.
SB 609 (Nelson)	Filed 02/21	Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to conduct a study on the reporting of health care associated infection rates and process measures.

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

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing

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