

Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Update – 78th Texas Legislative Session *

- Friday 03/14/03 is the 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 02/28/03
- Committees most likely to have infection control content:
 - House: Public Health (PH) or Oversight S/C of Public Health (S/C PH)
 - House: Public Safety (PS) or Oversight S/C of Public Safety (S/C PS)
 - Senate: Health and Human Services (HHS)

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 49 (Turner)	Referred PH 01/30/03	Relating to the authority of the TDH regarding sanitation and privacy in public school restrooms
HCR 11 (Corte)	Left pending in committee 02/24/03	Memorializing the congress to pursue research to quantify health risks and develop uniform exposure guidelines applicable to molds and mold aggregations that contribute to “sick buildings”
SB 28 (Zaffirini)	Referred to S/C of Higher Education 01/27/03	Relating to the collection and maintenance of bacterial meningitis immunization records by public institutions of higher education
SB 38 (Zaffirini)	Referred to HHS 01/27/03	Relating to certain immunization programs
SB 39 (Zaffirini)	Referred to HHS 01/27/03	Relating to the immunization registry
SB 40 (Zaffirini)	Scheduled HHS public hearing on 03/04/03	Relating to an immunization education program established by the Texas Dept of Health
SB 185 (Janek) HB 446 (Smith)	Referred to HHS 01/30/03 Referred to PH 02/10/03	Relating to standing water as a nuisance
HB 627 (Reyna)	Scheduled Public Hearing 03/06/03	Relating to an area quarantine in response to a bioterrorist attack; imposing a criminal penalty (Defense Affairs & State-Fed Relations)

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 399 (Van de Putte)	Referred to Infrastructure Dev & Security Public Hearing on 03/03/03	Relating to the powers and duties of the governor and certain state agencies relating to public health, including public health emergencies.
SB 401 (Van de Putte)	Referred to HHS 02/17/03	Relating to testing certain public safety personnel for accidental exposure to hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
SB 438 (Lindsay) HB 1074 (Rodriguez)	Referred to HHS 02/17/03 Referred to PH 02/24/03	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable Diseases (Clean Needle)
SB 486 (Zaffirini) HB 1035 (Delisi)	Referred to HHS 02/19/03 Referred to PH 02/24/03	Relating to Immunization of children (increase immunization awarness)
HB 1028 (Coleman) SB 516 (Shapleigh)	Referred to PH 02/24/03 Referred to HHS 02/19/03	Relating to certain immunization programs (physician education programs)

* Current as of 01/31/03; Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us/ to view content of bills filed

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TEXAS REGISTER: Activity as of 02/28/03 ^

- 01/31/03 **ADOPTED** for Chapter 2: Emergency Preparedness [25 TAC § 2.1 pages 952-054)]
- 01/31/03 **PROPOSED** for Chapter 97: Communicable Diseases [25 TAC § 97.3 and 97.178 (pages 821 to 823)]
- 01/31/03 **PROPOSED** for Chapter 99: Occupational Diseases [25 TAC § 99.1 and 97.178 (pages 823 to 824)]

^ Summary of Texas Register can be viewed at www.apicdfw.org for February 2003 GAC report. To review actual ADOPTED and PROPOSED rules, access the Texas Register at <http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.html>

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