

## DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session

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### FEDERAL ISSUES

- The Guidance on Public Reporting of Healthcare-Associated Infections: Recommendations of the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee was released 02/28/05. To view/download this HICPAC document in its entirety, please go to <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/PublicReportingGuide.pdf>

### TEXAS ISSUES

#### Texas Register

- No PENDING-ADOPTED rules with infection control content within past 90 days

#### 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session: Bills Filed with Infection Control Content

- The table below are bills filed with infection control content that may impact the progress/purpose of infection control programs in Texas. Out of 203 bills filed with the words “disease” or “infection” we are currently tracking fifteen.
- 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; Last day for House Committees to report House Bills is Monday 05/09/05; Last day for Senate Committees (?) to report Senate Bills is 05/17/05 or 05/18/05

(Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 03/11/05\*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 162 (McCall)	Ref to Public Health 01/31/05; ^ PH 02/23; ◆ CR sent to Calendars 03/08	Relating to notifying certain providers of emergency care of possible exposure to certain reportable diseases (public citizens).
HB 1316 (Zelder)	Ref to Public Health 02/21	Relating to immunization requirements for children in regulated child-care facilities.
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.

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HB 738 (Nixon)	Ref to Civil Practices 02/09/05 PH 02/23; ♦CR Sent to Local & Consent Calendars 03/01	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 1845 (Truitt)	Ref to Public Health 03/14/05	Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to conduct a study on the reporting of health care associated infection rates and process measures.
SB 609 (Nelson)	Ref to Hlth & Human Services 03/01; PH 03/08; ♦CR Printed & Distributed 03/10	Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to conduct a study on the reporting of health care associated infection rates and process measures.
HB 1492 (Naishtat)	Filed 02/22/05; Ref to Public Health 02/28	Relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease (correctional facility employee, volunteer, contractor other than a correctional officer).
SB 665 (Barrientos)	Filed 02/23/05; Ref to Criminal Justice 03/02	Relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease (correctional facility employee, volunteer, contractor other than a correctional officer).
HB 2224 (Isett)	Filed 03/07/05	Relating to consumer access to health care information and consumer protection for services provided by or through hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers; providing penalties ... “infection rate” included
SB 1738 (Duncan)	Filed 03/11/05	Relating to consumer access to health care information and consumer protection for services provided by or through hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers; providing penalties ... “infection rate” included
HB 1969 (Coleman)	Filed 03/03/05	Relating to the immunization of elderly persons by certain health care facilities (includes hospitals)
HB 3272 (Strama)	Filed 03/11/05	Relating to testing deceased persons for communicable diseases after an accidental exposure of certain persons.
SB 316 (Lucio)	Filed 02/01/05; Placed on Intent Calendar 03/14	Relating to information provided to parents of newborn children ... includes immunization schedules per Texas state law.
SB 1124 (Hinojosa)	Filed 03/08/05	Relating to a toll-free number for reporting communicable diseases

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

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing (PH); ♦ Committee Report (CR)