

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 78th Texas Legislative Session*

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- Sunday 06/22/03 is the last day the Governor can sign or veto bills passed
- Only bills with activity *beyond* ‘Left Pending in Committee’ are included in this report. See prior month(s) report for filed bills removed from this report because did not progress toward passing into law. Of 25 bills filed w/IC Content, only 12 have progressed beyond initial filing and first committee hearing (listed below), and 6 have been signed into law.
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 06/27/03. Shaded Bills have signed by the Governor and their effective date listed.

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 28 (Zaffirini)	03/24/03 Reported from S/C favorably with substitute	Relating to the collection and maintenance of bacterial meningitis immunization records by public institutions of higher education
SB 40 (Zaffirini)	05/28/03 signed by the Governor; Effective 09/01/03	Relating to an immunization education program established by the Texas Dept of Health
SB 185 (Janek)	05/28/03 signed by the Governor; Effective Immediately	Relating to standing water as a nuisance
HB 627 (Reyna)	06/20/03 signed by the Governor; Effective Immediately	Relating to an area quarantine in response to a bioterrorist attack; imposing a criminal penalty (Defense Affairs & State-Fed Relations)
SB 401 (Van de Putte)	06/20/03 signed by the Governor; Effective Immediately	Relating to testing certain public safety personnel for accidental exposure to hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
SB 438 (Lindsay)	04/14/03 S/C Rpt Printed/Distributed; Co-Author Authorized 05/05/28	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable Diseases (Clean Needle)

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 1926 (Capelo)	05/16/03 Laid on the table subject to call (House)	Relating to immunization of children (increase immunization awareness)
HB 1920 (Capelo)	06/20/03 signed by the Governor; Effective 09/01/03	Relating to certain immunization programs (informational material/physician education)
HB 1614 (Truitt)	06/20/03 signed by the Governor; Effective Immediately	Relating to the reporting of medical errors by certain hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and mental hospitals
HB 1560 (Coleman)	Committee Rpt Sent to Calendars 05/06/03	Relating to a study of toxic molds conducted by TDH
HB 2702 (Keffer)	Rcvd from House, read 1 st Time/Refed HHS 05/20/03	Relating to immunization programs (flu vaccine for ≥ 65 during <i>hospitalization</i> w/documentation)
SB 1148	05/24/03 Committee Rpt Sent to Local & Consent Calendar	Relating to information provided to parents of newborn children relating to immunizations (hospital)

?? Current as of 06/27/03; Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us/ to view content of bills filed

CDC HICPAC FINAL GUIDELINE

“Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities, Recommendations of CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). MMWR; Vol 52, No RR10, 06/06/03
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/RR/RR5210.pdf>

JCAHO – Anticipated DRAFT Standards Available for Comment 07/03/03

JCAHO has asked that National APIC place their DRAFT document (Infection Control chapter) on their website, so members can respond and take part in the field review. These IC Standard DRAFT standards will also be available on the JCAHO website (www.jcaho.com). Please each APIC-DFW member read and comment on these proposed standards – They want *front line comments* – It is not known how long the comment period will last. It is planned that the revised IC Standards will be completed in the fall of 2003, available to the field in 2004, but not implemented and scored until January 2005. Do **not** miss the opportunity to share your valuable opinions.

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