

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).
- Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 06/01/03.
- Shaded Bills have signed by the Governor and/or have passed both House/Senate and have been sent to the Governor to be passed/vetoed.

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)	Sent to Governor 05/22/03	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)	Sent to Governor 05/28/03	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)
HB 1926 (Capelo)	05/16/03 Laid on the table subject to call (House)	Relating to immunization of children (increase immunization awareness)

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HB 1920 (Capelo)	Sent to Governor 05/31/03	Relating to certain immunization programs (informational material/physician education)
HB 1614 (Truitt)	Signed in House/Senate 05/31/03	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 04/25/03; Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us/ to view content of bills filed

TEXAS REGISTER: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

To view content of *PROPOSED* or *ADOPTED* rules, access the Texas Register at
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml> ⚡ NOTE This is a NEW WEBSITE

?? 01/31/03 PROPOSED for Chapter 97: Communicable Diseases [25 TAC § 97.3 and 97.178 (pages 823 to 824)] – On 05/23/03 25 both were were **ADOPTED** (for TDH to be HIPAA compliant with requests of information) NOTE: Only changed from original *proposed* rule was to addition of SARS as a reportable condition.

FEDERAL REGISTER – Proposed OSHA TB Ruled Officially Withdrawn

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has officially announced the withdrawal of the OSHA proposed TB rule. Originally due to be promulgated in 2000, OSHA published its intent to withdraw this proposal in the Tuesday, May 27, 2003, Federal Register, Page 30588-9. APIC has worked tirelessly to thwart this rule, including crafting legislative language (which later became law) calling for an IOM study of the proposed rule. We thank our legislative champion, Congressman Roger Wicker (R-MS), APIC member Julie Rish-McCord, our TB policy team (Rachel Stricof, Eddie Hedrick, Julie Savoy and Sue Sebazco) and APIC members across the country who spoke out against this proposed rule.

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