

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

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**FEDERAL ISSUES** – See June Report for HICPAC HAI Recommendations for public reporting, and, CMS lifting of ban on hallway alcohol degermer dispensers.

**TEXAS ISSUES**

Texas Register

- ? DRAFT rule published 07/01/05 (30 TexReg 3815 – 3817), Chapter 97, §§97.101 and 97.102, Communicable Diseases, concerning the statewide immunization of children and immunizations required upon admission of a child to the Texas department of Criminal Justice, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Department of State Health Services, or the Texas Youth Commission, and new §97.221, concerning the Department of State Health Services Immunization Schedule. Public comment open until 30 days following publication of this proposal in the Texas Register.

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 240 bills filed with the words “disease” or “infection” we tracked those listed below.
- ? Shaded areas are bill that have been signed into law and are effective 09/01/05

Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 07/04/05\*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 162 (McCall)	Signed by Governor 05/30/05; Effective 09/01/05	Relating to notifying certain providers of emergency care of possible exposure to certain diseases (detention officer, county jailer, public citizens). NOTE: There will eventually be rules published in the Texas Register for this.
HB 1316 (Zelder)	Governor Signed 06/17/05; Effective 09/01/05	Relating to immunization requirements for children in regulated child-care facilities.
HB 734 (Davis)	Ref to Public Health 02/09/05; Left pending in committee 05/04	Relating to infection rates at health-care facilities.

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 357 (Van de Putte)	Ref to Hlth & Human Services 02/15/05	Relating to infection rates at hospitals; providing a civil penalty.
HB 738 (Nixon)	Ref to Civil Practices 02/09/05; Signed by Governor 05/24/05; Effective 09/01/05	Relating to updating citations to Chapter 74, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, In Chapter 81, Health & Safety Code (EMS) – Does not impact IC, 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)  ? SB 872	<u>Attached as amendment to SB 872 ...</u> Governor Signed 06/17/05; Effective 09/01/05	Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to conduct a study on the reporting of health care associated infection rates and process measures.
HB 1492 (Naishtat)	Filed 02/22/05; Ref to Public Health 02/28; Committee report sent to Calendars 05/04	Relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease (correctional facility employee, volunteer, contractor other than a correctional officer).
SB 665 (Barrientos)	Governor Signed 06/17/05; Effective 09/01/05	Relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease (correctional facility employee, volunteer, contractor other than a correctional officer). NOTE: There will eventually be rules published in the Texas Register for this.
HB 2224 (Isett)	Filed 03/07/05 Ref to Insurance Committee 03/14; PH 04/07; No action taken	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

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SB 1738 (Duncan)	Filed 03/11/05; Ref to State Affairs 03/30; several PH with amendments; Committee Rpt to calendar 05/19	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 ("infection rate" language removed with amendment).
HB 1969 (Coleman)	Filed 03/03/05; Ref to Public Hlth 03/21; PH 03/30; Committee Substitute 04/14 Reported Favorable; Sent to calendar 04/26	Relating to the immunization of elderly persons by certain health care facilities (includes hospitals)
HB 3272 (Strama)	Filed 03/11/05; Ref to Public Hlth 03/21	Relating to testing deceased persons for communicable diseases after an accidental exposure of certain persons.
SB 316 (Lucio)	Governor Signed 06/17/05; Effective 09/01/05	Relating to information provided to parents of newborn children ... includes immunization schedules per Texas state law.
SB 1124 (Hinojosa)	Filed 03/08/05; Ref to Hlth & Human Services 03/21	Relating to a toll-free number for reporting communicable diseases
SB 1773 (Duell)	Filed 03/11/05; Ref to Health & Human Services 03/30	Relating to immunization requirements for children in regulated child-care facilities.

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

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing (PH)