

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislative Session**

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**TEXAS ISSUES**

TEXAS REGISTER

On 12/05/08 there were PROPOSED changes to the operating requirements for ASC's that are extensive. Public comment is open for 30 days from the 12/05/08 proposed rule publication date. NOTE: E-mail blast notification sent to membership 12/09/08.

- **25 TAC §§135.1 - 135.29 OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS**
- **25 TAC §135.41, §135.42; SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW AND EXISTING AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS**
- **25 TAC §§135.41 - 135.43 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**
- **25 TAC §§135.51 - 135.54 PHYSICAL PLANT AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW AND EXISTING AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS; and**
- **25 TAC §§135.51 - 135.56 PHYSICAL PLANT AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

TEXAS 81<sup>st</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- As of 01/02/09 there are x4 bills filed with the word "Infection" and x24 bills filed with the word "Disease" – And the session isn't officially open yet (!). Of those, the seven bills below have the potential to impact the practice of infection prevention and control at the healthcare facility level and/or immunization system.
- Status of bills with infection control content under "Last Activity" as of 01/02/09.

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content\*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 142 (McClendon)	Filed 11/10/08	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases (needle and syringe exchange program). NOTE: Companion Bill SB 188
SB 180 (Gallegos)	Filed 11/10/08	Relating to the creation of a state occupational health and safety plan; establishing a maintenance tax

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SB 188 (Duell & Van de Putte)	Filed 11/10/08	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases (needle and syringe exchange program). NOTE: Companion Bill HB 142
SB 203 (Shapleigh)	Filed 11/10/08	Relating to the reporting of MRSA infection rates in hospitals.
HB 272 (Ortiz Jr.)	Filed 11/17/08	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases (needle and syringe exchange program).
SB 291 (Nelson)	Filed 11/12/08	Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study at an institution of higher education.
SB 347 (Nelson)	Filed 12/08/08	Relating to the receipt and release of immunization information by the immunization registry in connection with a disaster.

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

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing

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