

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

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**TEXAS ISSUES**

TEXAS REGISTER

- The 12/05/08 PROPOSED changes to the operating requirements for ASC's have not been adopted as of 01/30/09: **25 TAC §§135.1 - 135.29; 25 TAC §135.41, §135.42; 25 TAC §§135.41 - 135.43; 25 TAC §§135.51 - 135.54; 25 TAC §§135.51 - 135.56.**
- The following rule(s) were adopted with changes as proposed on 08/22/08: TITLE 25.HEALTH SERVICES; Part 1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES; Chapter 97. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; Subchapter B. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS IN TEXAS ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; **25 TAC §§97.61, 97.63 - 97.72.** NOTE: Adopted 02/27/09

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- As of 03/04/09 there are x30 bills filed with the word "Infection" and x121 bills filed with the word "Disease". Of these 151 filed bills the twelve (12) listed below have the potential to impact the practice of infection prevention and control at the healthcare facility level and/or immunization system.
- The status of bills with infection control content under "Last Activity" as of 03/04/09. NOTE: If the date of being "Received by the Secretary or Senate or House" is the same as the date a bill is filed, it has not been included to save space.

Texas Bills Filed with Infection Control Content\*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 142 (McClendon)	Referred to Public Health 02/12	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)	Referred to State Affairs 02/10	Relating to the creation of a state occupational health and safety plan; establishing a maintenance tax
SB 188 (Duell & Van de Putte)	Referred to Health & Human Services 02/10; ^ 03/03	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases (needle and syringe exchange program). NOTE: Companion Bills HB 142 & HB 272

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SB 203 (Shapleigh)	Referred to Health & Human Services 02/11	Relating to the reporting of MRSA infection rates in hospitals. NOTE: Would change SB 288 passed into law last session (80 <sup>th</sup> )
HB 272 (Ortiz Jr.)	Referred to Public Health 02/17	Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases (needle and syringe exchange program). ). NOTE: Companion Bill SB 188
SB 291 (Nelson)	^ 02/24; 3/2 committee rpt printed & distributed	Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study at an institution of higher education.
SB 347 (Nelson)	Referred to Health & Human Services 02/11; ^ 03/03	Relating to the receipt and release of immunization information by the immunization registry in connection with a disaster. NOTE: Companion Bill HB 1879
SB 494 (Nelson)	Referred to Finance 02/17	Relating to making an appropriation to the Department of State Health Services to be used in connection with the reporting of health care-associated infections at certain health care facilities and the creation of an advisory panel. FUNDING
SB 1171 (Nichols)	Filed 02/26/09	Relating to certain health-related reports, records, and information. NOTE: Confidentiality Issues (permits interstate data sharing and expands the release of information to federal, local health departments and public health districts).
HB 1362 (Gutierrez)	Filed 02/17; Referred to Public Hlth 3/2	Relating to the reporting of MRSA. NOTE: Would move the “pilot” program of last session (80 <sup>th</sup> ) of passed HB 1082 to become a standing “Program”
HB 1386 (Y.Davis)	Filed 02/18; Referred to Public Hlth 3/2	Relating to the reporting of HAI’s at healthcare facilities. NOTE: Would change SB 288 passed into law last session (80 <sup>th</sup> )
HB 1879 (J.Davis)	Filed 02/26/09	Relating to the receipt and release of immunization information by the immunization registry in connection with a disaster. NOTE: Companion Bill SB 347

\* 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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