

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC)  
January 2015**

**NATIONAL ISSUES**

REMINDER: Read your weekly APIC E-News and visit APIC's Public Policy page for updates on federal issues

**APIC Public Policy (2015)**

<http://apic.org/Advocacy/Government-Affairs-and-Advocacy>

**APIC E-News (2015)**

<http://apic.org/Member-Services/Publications/E-News>

**Texas Register (2015)**

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

No new points of interest since last report.

**84th Texas Legislature Regular Session (2015)**

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

**Last Review Completed: 1/8/2015**

Current # Bills

reviewed:

27

**Key:** • Following Bill

Current # Bills

followed:

2

**D** Duplicate/Companion Bill filed elsewhere

•	I/ D	HB / SB	Bill #	D	Author(s)	Date Filed	Last Action	Comments
•	D	HB	611		Davis	1/6/15	Filed	Ebola is a reportable disease.
•	I/ D	HB	50		Martinez	11/20/14	Filed	Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by firefighters and EMTs. Presumes that firefighters or emergency medical technicians who contracted AIDS, HIV, Hep B, Hep C, or MRSA did so through the course of employment under certain conditions of exposure. For MRSA, presumed if while on duty the firefighter or emergency medical technician responded to an event involving documented exposure to methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. <i>Current Plan: Send letter to Representative Martinez on behalf of APIC-DFW, explore if he may be willing to hear from outside groups, whether this is a high-priority bill, and who are the proponents, etc. in advance of a public hearing.</i>

**Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:**

Be sure and check the website below at least monthly for updated information on facility requirements and/or sign up for e-mail updates:

**Texas HAI Homepage and HAI Reporting Information:**

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection\\_control/hai/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/hai/)

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