

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC)  
April 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>

- CDC releases additional Ebola resources
- FDA issues safety alert for duodenoscopes (ERCP endoscopes)
- CDC issues interim protocol to detect bacterial contamination of duodenoscopes
- APIC issues communiques on infections associated with duodenoscope procedures
- Sterile product recall due to human hair contamination

**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/)

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

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

**Last Review Completed: 4/2/2015**

Current # Bills  
reviewed:

<b>269</b>
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**Key:** X Following Bill

Current # Bills  
followed:

<b>7</b>
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**D** Duplicate/Companion Bill filed elsewhere

X	HB/ SB	Bill #	D	Author(s)	Date Filed	Last Action	Comments
X	HB	50		Martinez	11/20/14	Referred to Urban Affairs 2/9/15	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.
X	SB	355		Nelson	1/26/15	Referred to HHS 2/2/15	Relating to control measures for an individual exposed to a communicable disease.

X	HB/ SB	Bill #	D	Author(s)	Date Filed	Last Action	Comments
X	SB	373	938	West	1/26/15	Referred to Public Health 2/25/15	Would allow the Department of State Health Services to require a hospital that has been found to have committed a violation that resulted in a potentially preventable adverse event, to develop and implement a plan approved by the Department that would address the deficiencies that may have contributed to the potential adverse event. Related to HB 938 filed by Rose.
X	SB	538		Schwertner	2/10/15	H Received from the Senate 3/31/15	This legislation would allow the Governor to declare a state of infectious disease emergency and provides that the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall issue specific statewide guidelines and procedures for local health and emergency management authorities. The legislation would establish protocols for DSHS to place individuals in quarantine and also allows DSHS to release certain information to first responders.
X	HB	611		Davis	1/6/15	Referred to Public Health 2/19/15	Relating to reporting requirements concerning Ebola virus disease.
X	SB	1574	1901	Uresti	3/12/15	Referred to HHS 3/25/15	Would require entities that employ or use the services of an emergency response employee or volunteer to designate an infection control officer to receive and notify providers of a potential exposure to an infectious disease. The infection control officer would also be responsible for investigating, evaluating, and monitoring an exposure incident and follow-up treatment. This legislation would also provide that a hospital or other authorized person release communicable disease test results to the designated infection control officer in the event of accidental exposure to blood or body fluids of a person who dies on the scene or during transport to the hospital.
X	HB	2510	202	Price	3/6/15	Left pending in committee 3/23/15	This legislation would abolish the Advisory Panel on Healthcare-Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events.

# Texas Register 2015

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

**Last Review Completed: 3/27/2015**

**Current Search Parameters for Review:**

25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200

30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y

**Key: X Pending**

X	Date	Action	Title/Ch./Rules	Topic / Comments
				No newly proposed or adopted rules since last report.