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Key: **X** :Following Bill
D: Duplicate / Companion Bill filed elsewhere

Current # Bills followed: **9**

X	HB/ SB	Bill #	D	Author(s)	Date Filed	Last Action	Comments
X	HB	50		Martinez	11/20/14	Left pending in committee 4/14/15	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	SB	373	938	West	1/26/15	Effective 9/1/15	**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X	SB	538		Schwertner	2/10/15	5/12/15 H withdrawn from schedule	This legislation would allow the Governor to declare a state of infectious disease emergency and provides that the Department of State Health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.

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X	HB	611		Davis	1/6/15	H Referred to Public Health 2/19/15	Relating to reporting requirements concerning Ebola virus disease.
X	SB	1574	HB 2770; SB 1901	Uresti	3/12/15	Sent to Governor 6/1/15	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	SB	202		Nelson	3/6/15	Sent to Governor 6/1/15	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of State Health Services, the provision of health services in this state, and the regulation of certain health-related occupations and activities. This legislation would abolish the Advisory Panel on Healthcare-Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events.
X	SB	277		Schwertner	1/7/15	Sent to Governor 6/1/15	Relating to certain health-related and other task forces and advisory committees. This legislation would abolish the Advisory Panel on Healthcare-Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events -- similar to HB 2510; has moved further in legislative process.
X	HB	2950		Klick	3/9/15	5/20/15 Scheduled for public hearing	Related to creation of a Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response as an advisory board to the Governor, to provide expert, evidence-based assessments, protocols, and recommendations related to state responses to infectious diseases, including Ebola, and a strategic emergency management plan for state and local levels of government.

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- APIC submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on a proposed rule for Stage 3 of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program (Meaningful Use),
- Take Action: Write your members of Congress to support scientifically sound HAI data collection
- OSHA releases respiratory protection toolkit
- The deadline for the first Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) report to the CDC/NHSN for CMS payment requirements has been extended to August 15, 2015.
- CDC issues recommendations for human health investigations and response to bird flu

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/

Texas Register (2015)

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

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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
x	5/29/2015	Proposed	**25 TAC §§97.131 - 97.134, 97.139**	Proposed amendments will update and clarify the disease reporting rules for STDs, including HIV and AIDS, and will make the disease reporting process more efficient in Texas. The proposed amendments will clarify reporting language; align the reporting rules with recent changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) HIV surveillance case definition; and update language to reflect advancements in HIV testing technology.
	6/7/2015	Adopted	**25 TAC §97.63**	Amendments/clarifications to immunization requirements in Texas elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education.

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