

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
August 2017**

Texas 85th Regular session concluded May 29, 2017.
Texas 85th 1st special session convened by Governor Abbott July 18, 2017.

Texas Legislation					
http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/ Last Review Completed:8/3/17				Search words: 'Infection', 'Disease', 'Health care', 'Healthcare-associated', and 'HAI'	
HB/ SB	Bill #	Author(s)	Date Filed	Last Action	Comments
HB	97	Davis	11/14/2016	Never reached House or Senate vote	Child may consent to the child's own immunization for cancer prevention or treatment if the immunization is recommended fby CDC ; or approved for cancer treatment by the FDA
HB	2269	Schofield	2/22/17	Never reached House or Senate vote	Children's isolation unit for highly contagious diseases not liable for claim, damage or loss arising from provision of health care services unless grossly negligent.
HB	2006	Anchia	2/16/17	Never reached House or Senate vote	Related to required counseling regarding negative HIV test results.
HB	970	Cortez	1/12/17	Signed by the governor 6/15/17- effective 9/1/17	Relating to the establishment of a state plan for Streptococcus pneumoniae education and prevention
HB	4062	Farrar	3/10/17	Never reached House or Senate vote	Relating to rules for hospital sanitation standards. The rules address requirements for implementing standards for sanitation procedures established to prevent infection or illness in a hospital.
HB	3711	Sheffield	3/9/17	Never reached House or Senate vote	Long-term care facilities shall develop a plan for preventing and responding to outbreaks of communicable diseases, including influenza
HB	3256	Rose	3/7/17	Never reached House or Senate vote	Relating to the establishment by certain counties and hospital districts of disease control pilot programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases
HB	3576	Guerra	3/9/17	Signed by the governor 6/15/17- effective 9/1/17	Relating to the collection and release of information on the Zika virus and other high consequence communicable diseases for certain purposes.
HR	1587	Slaughter	3/16/17	Never reached House or Senate vote	Reintroduction of the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act: To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases. Includes phased elimination/prohibition of nontherapeutic use in animals of medically important antimicrobials.

Texas Register (2017)				
http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml				
Last Review Completed:		7/28/2017		
Current Search Parameters for Review:				
25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200				
30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y				
Key: X Pending				
X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules	Topic / Comments
				No new POIs since last report

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2017)

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

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

7/26/17	APIC members urged to take action regarding funding federal investment in infection prevention programs crucial to preventing healthcare-associated infections and combating the spread of antibiotic resistant infections in the FY 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Link: http://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=380333
7/26/17	CMS issues non-compliance letters for IRF, LTCH, and SNF that have not met reporting requirements
7/25/17	Reminder of August 15 th deadline for CMS quality reporting programs
7/25/17	Fujifilm urgent medical device correction and removal --updates manual and parts for duodenoscopes (replacement of forceps elevator mechanism, O-ring seal, and distal end cap) FDA clearance 7/21/2017
7/12/17	New CDC director appointed
July 2017	Multiple FDA medication recalls due to sterility issues
Spring/Summer 2017	NHSN revising CAUTI/CLABSI SIRs due to errors in predictive models
6/5/17	APIC comments on CMS IPPS proposed rule-included supporting proposals to include patient disability and medical complexity factors in the healthcare-associated infection measures in the Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program, and to remove the PSI 90 composite measure in the Value-Based Purchasing program beginning in FY 2019. APIC did not support including a VAE measure or additional HAI measures in the HAC Reduction Program at this time. APIC also opposed a CMS proposal to make Accrediting Organizations' survey results and Plans of Correction publicly available.

Highlights from Chapter Legislative Representatives Meeting: APIC Conference in Portland, June 2017

Refer to attached slide handouts – will also be available on APIC-DFW website

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