

HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTION REPORTING BILLS
Under consideration in 2005
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Alabama – SB 83

Bill Status: Referred to Senate Health Committee (2-1-05)

Sponsor(s): Sen. Denton

California – SB 739

Bill Status: Introduced (2-22-05)

Sponsor(s): Sen. Speier

Other information: Requires acute care hospitals to have infection control program and collect and maintain data on hospital acquired infections.

Colorado - HB 1128

Bill Status: Reported from House Health and Human Services Committee following a public hearing on 1/31/05. Now in the Appropriations Committee.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Bob McCluskey-R; Sen. Bob Hagedorn-D

Other Information: National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) model, which was based on CU model act

Connecticut

Bill Status: Multiple bills were proposed to Joint Committee on Public Health but all were dropped because the Committee believes that an existing public health law (Public Act 02-125) does what these bills do. The law currently requires the DPH to record "adverse events," including hospital acquired infections that result in the death or serious injury of a patient. However, there is no public information on the CT Dept of Public Health (DPH) website of adverse events or hospital infections.

Sponsor(s): The following legislators proposed hospital infection reporting bills: Representatives Claudia M. Powers, Arthur J. O'Neill, Giegler, Godfrey, Wallace, Bielawa, Villano, O'Brien, Reynolds, Giannaros, Giuliano, Heagney, Nafis.

Senators Gary D. LeBeau, Capiello, Ciotto, Gaffey, Looney, Handley.

Other Information: Current CT law does not require public reporting of hospital-acquired infection rates by hospital, nor does it require any hospital-specific infection information to be published.

Delaware – HB 26

Bill Status: Referred to House Health & Human Development Committee, assigned to House Admin. Comm. (2-25-05).

Sponsor(s): Rep. Oberle, Co-sponsors: Ennis, Hall-Long, Maier, Schwartzkopf, Wagner, Sen. Cloutier, Connor, Sorenson.

Georgia – HB 417; SB 83

Bill Status: House Bill referred to Health and Human Services Cmte. (2-14-05). Senate Bill referred to Health and Human Services Comte. (1-28-05).

Sponsor(s): Rep. Alan Powell and Mark Butler; Sen. Hamrick

Other Information: HB417 is based on the CU Model Act and can be viewed at

http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/search/hb417.htm; SB83 requires various quality of care information, including hospital-acquired infections, to be available to the public.

Hawaii – (multiple proposals): HB 287; HB 1513; SB90; SB465; SB1086; SB1800

Bill Status: Senate bills referred to Senate Health Committee (2-18-05). House Bills referred to House Health Cmte, then Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee/Judiciary Committee (1-24-05).

Sponsor(s): SB465: Sen. Taniguchi; SB 1086: Sen. Espero; SB 1800: Menor; SB 90: Sen Ihhra; HB 287: Lee, Arakaki, Morita, Chong; HB1513: Stonebraker.

Other Information: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>.

Indiana – SB 468, SB 627

Bill Status: Bills referred to Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services (1-24-05). SB 627: Referred to Sen Cmte on Health and Provider Services (1-24-05).

Sponsor(s): Sen Alting (SB 468); Sen. Smith (SB 627)

Other Information: Also, SB 627 (Sen. Smith), which deals with various quality of care measures, would require hospitals to keep infection statistics by unit and to make that information available to the public, upon request.

Iowa - H 44

Bill Status: Bill referred to House Human Resources

Sponsor(s): Representatives Gaskill and Murphey

Other Information: "Hospital Infections Disclosure Act" is based on the CU model act.

Kansas - HB 2283

Bill Status: The bill will not be passed this year because the House Cmte on Health and Human Services did not report it out before the deadline.

Sponsor(s): The House Cmte on Health and Human Services, chaired by Rep. Jim Morrison.

Other Information: The bill could be picked up again next January.

Kentucky – HB76; SB185

Bill Status: HB76 passed by House on 2-23-05 (vote: 81-13) and referred to Senate Health and Welfare Committee; SB 185 in Health and Welfare Committee.

Sponsor(s): Rep. D. Graham (HB 76), Sen. Jones (SB 185)

Other Information: Requires a study of reporting hospital-acquired infection rates, to be completed by the end of 2005.

Maryland – HB199

Bill Status: HB199 hearing held on 2-22-05 in House Health and Government Operations.

Sponsor(s): HB 199: Delegates Pendergrass, Hubbard, Barkley, Conroy, Donoghue, Dumais, Glassman, Goldwater, Gordon, Gutierrez, Heller, Kaiser, Krysiak, Lee, Love, Malone, Mandel, Menes, Montgomery, Oaks, Ross, and Sossi.

Other Information:

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2005rs/bills/hb/hb0199f.pdf>.

Minnesota - HF 87; SF 983; SF 986

Bill Status: HF referred to House Health Policy and Finance Committee (1-31-05); SF 983 and SB 986 referred to Health and Family Security (2-14-05).

Sponsor(s): HF 87: Representatives Kahn; Sieben; Paymar; Davnie; Abeler; Greiling; Hilstrom; Ruud; Loeffler; Goodwin; Lenczewski; SF 983: Senators Marty; Skoglund; Ranum; Lourey; Dibble; SF986: Marty; Ranum; Lourey; Dibble; Anderson.

Other Information: HF 87 filed is based the CU model act; SB986: expands the Adverse Health Care Events Reporting Act to include facility-acquired infection rates; prohibiting the nontherapeutic use of animal feed containing certain antibiotics; establishing a surcharge on all commercial feeds sold that contain antibiotics; appropriating money.

Mississippi - SB2929, SB2893; HB1361

Bill Status: All bills died in their respective committees.

Sponsor(s): Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (SB2929); Sen. Tollison (SB2893); Rep. Janus (HB1361)

Other Information:

Nevada: AB59

Status: Referred to Assembly Cmte on Health and Human Services
Sponsor(s): OHRENSCHALL, PIERCE, LESLIE, ALLEN, ATKINSON, CLABORN, GERHARDT, HOGAN, HORNE, MANENDO, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA AND SMITH; JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS AMODEI, CARE

Other Information: Requires certain medical facilities to report hospital-acquired infections as sentinel events to the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources. Does not make data publicly available. Reports to the Repository for Health Care Quality Assurance.

New Hampshire – HB 224

Bill Status: Referred to Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs (1-27-05); due out of committee 3/24/05.

Sponsor(s): Reps. Kathleen Taylor, Marshall Lee Quandt; Mathew J. Quandt.

New Jersey - S1390, A2644, A3461

Bill Status: SB 1390 referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee (3-29-04); A2644 referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee (5-3-04); A3461 Referred to Assembly Health and Human Services Committee (11-04-04).

Sponsor(s): SB1390 - Senators Leonard Connors-R and Henry McNamara-R; co-sp, Andrew Ciesla; A2644 - Assemblymen Christopher Connors-R and Brian Rumpf-R; A3461 - Assemblymen Joseph Vas.

Other Information:

New Mexico – HB823, HB934, SB 775; SJM 45, HJM 62

Bill Status: HB 823 and HB 934 both reported favorably from House Consumer & Public Affairs cmte, now in Hs Judiciary Cmte; SB 775 reported without recommendation from Senate Public Affairs Cmte, now in Judiciary. All bills would require public reporting of hospital-acquired infection rates.

Joint Memorials status: **SJM 45** passed by the Senate, now in Hs Consumer & Public Affairs Cmte; it requests the Dept. of Health to conduct a study of hospital-acquired infection rates and to present a report of those rates to the legislature by the end of 2005. **HJM 62** passed by House, now in Sen. Rules Cmte, then Sen Public Affairs Cmte; it creates a study to determine if reporting hospital infection rates is in the public's interest.

Sponsor(s): HB 823 - Rep. Anderson; HB 934 - Rep. Rodella; SB 775 - Sen. Jennings; SJM 45--Sen. Michael Sanchez ; HJM 62--Rep. Vaughn

Other Information:

New York – A463, A5001, A5451

Bill Status: Assembly bills referred to Assembly Health Committee (1-17-05, 2-15-05 and 2-23-05).

Sponsor(s): A463 -Assembly members Markey and Eddington; A5001- Assembly member Calhoun; A5451- Assembly member McDonough

Other Information: S7766 by Sen. Spano was filed in the 2004 legislative session.

Oklahoma – SB1017

Bill Status: Referred to Health and Human Services Committee (2-8-05).

Sponsor(s): Nichols

Other Information:

Oregon – HB2366; SB400

Bill Status: House Bill referred to House Health and Human Services Committee w/ subsequent referral to Ways and Means (1-21-05); SB400 referred to Health Policy, then Ways and Means, public hearing held on 2-7-05.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Jerry Krummel (HB2366); Sen. Westlund (SB400)

Other Information: Bill is based on CU Model Act

Rhode Island - S20; S804

Bill Status: Bills referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee 1-6-05 and 2-17-05.

Sponsor(s): SB20 - Sen. John McBurney; SB804 – Sen. Galo, Walaska, Fogarty P, Felag, Levesque.

Other Information: Based on CU model act

Tennessee – HB 472, 499, 1342, 2028; SB 85, 1893, 1855, 270, 441, 766

Bill Status: Senate bills referred to Committee on General Welfare, Health and Human Resources; House Bills introduced, not yet referred.

Sponsor(s): SB85 Cooper; SB1893 Herron; SB270 Beavers; SB441 Fowler; SB 766 Burchett; HB472 Odom; HB499 McDaniel; HB 1342 Shepard.

Other Information

Texas – HB 734; SB 357

Bill Status: HB734 referred to Public Health Cmte.(2-9-05); SB 357 referred to Health and Human Services Cmte.(2-15-05)

Sponsor(s): HB 734 Rep. Yvonne Davis; SB357 Sen. Leticia Van de Putte.

Other Information:

Vermont – HB 258

Bill Status: Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte. (2-15-05)

Sponsor(s): Johannah Donovan

Other information:

Virginia – HB1570 passed by the house and senate on 2-16-05; now will go to the Governor Warner for signature into law.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Purkey.

Other Information: The bill is a simple mandate to report hospital infection rates through the CDC National Health Safety Network; information is available to the public upon request.

Washington - HB1015

Bill Status: Public hearing held in House Health Care Committee, 2/4/05

Sponsor(s): Representatives Campbell, Morrell, Skinner, Hankins, Simpson, Schindler, Chase

Other Information:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/billinfo1/dspBillSummary.cfm?billnumber=1015&year=2005>

West Virginia – HB2180

Bill Status: Referred to Health and Human Resources Committee, 2nd referral to Judiciary

Sponsor(s): Delegates Hamilton and Hatfield

Other Information:

**STATES WITH LAWS
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OF 1-05**

Florida

Status: Law passed in 2004. Implementation by the Agency for Health Care Administration; committee of stakeholders organized to develop implementation plan.

History: The law requiring hospital infection reporting is a brief statement requiring reporting infection rates to the public. Backed by the "Health Check" coalition. Originally contained in companion bills HB 701 (Rep. Donna Clarke) and SB 2022 (Senator J.B. Alexander); the provision on hospital infection reporting was passed as a part of a larger health bill, HB1629/SB2910.

Illinois

Status: Law passed in 2003. Currently in the process of being implemented. This bill also required reporting on nurse staffing ratios.

Missouri

Status: Law passed in 2004 and is currently being implemented by the Department of Health and Senior Services

Pennsylvania

Status: Under a general law on hospital quality, the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) was given the authority to collect and report hospital-acquired infection rates. PHC4 is currently collecting data from PA hospitals but has not yet issued a public report on rates.