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## **Hospital-acquired infection public reporting bills under consideration by states in 2007**

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### **Alabama – SB 409**

Bill Status: Bill failed to move out of Senate Health Committee before the end of session.

Bill Sponsor(s): Senator French; cosponsors: Senators Denton, Butler and Coleman

Other Information: Session ended 6/19/07.

### ***New law!* Arkansas – HB 2735; HB 2568**

Bill Status: HB 2735 was signed into law by the Governor on April 3, 2007.

Bill Sponsor(s): HB 2735: Rep. Roebuck; HB 2568: Rep. Pace

Other Information: This is not a mandatory reporting law but it will require hospitals to voluntarily submit infection rates to a state agency. The agency will then publish a report with aggregate statewide numbers without identifying hospitals.

### ***New law!* Delaware – HB 47**

Bill Status: HB 47 was signed into law by the governor on 7/12.

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Hudson; Sen. Conner; Reps. Spence, Lee, Blakey, Cathcart, Maier, Manolakos, Miro, Oberle, Outten, Short, Stone, Valihura, Wagner, Kowalko, McWilliams, Schooley, Viola, Walls; Sens. Sokola, Copeland, Sorenson.

Other Information:

### **Georgia – HB 61; SB 78; SB 150, HB 628**

Bill Status: All bills failed to pass before end of session.

Bill Sponsor(s): SR: 22: Sen. Judson Hill; Sen. Thomas; HB 628: Sheldon; HB 61: Rep. Powell; SB 78: Sen. Hamrick and Hill (Judson); SB 150: Sen. Hill (Judson)

### **Hawaii – HB 1438; SB 1239**

Bill Status: All bills failed to pass before end of session.

Bill Sponsor(s): HB 1438: Rep. Belatti; SB 1239: Sen. Fukunaga.

Other Information: Both bills require public reporting of hospital infection rates.

### **Indiana – HB 1592; SB 513; SB 531**

Bill Status: All bills failed to pass before end of session.

Bill Sponsor(s): HB 1592: Rep. Dvorak; SB 513: Sen. Alting; SB 531: Sen. Dillon

Other Information: HB1592 and SB513 require public reporting of hospital

infection rates. SB 531 allows for a committee and agency to determine what infection information should be reported.

**Kansas – HB 2342, HB 2271**

Bill Status: Bills failed to pass before end of session.

Bill Sponsor(s): Both bills sponsored by the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

**Active!** **Massachusetts – H 2207, H2226, S1269, S1277, H2073**

Bill Status: All bills in Joint Committee on Public Health.

Bill Sponsor(s): H2207: Rep. Patrick, H 2226: Rep. Provost, S1269 and S1277: Sen. Moore, H2073: Rep. Coughlin.

Additional Information: Session ends 12/31/07.

**Active!** **Michigan – HB 4158**

Bill Status: Introduced and referred to Committee on Health Policy (1/30).

Bill Sponsor(s): Rep. Wojno

Additional Information: Session ends 12/31/07.

**New law!** **Minnesota – SF 755, HF 1076, HF 1078**

Bill Status: Public reporting of infection information included in Budget bill SF 1078

Bill Sponsor(s): SF 755: Sen. Berglin; HF 1076: Kahn; Huntley; Ruud; Fritz; Abeler; Murphy, E.

Other Information: Specific infections to be reported will be those endorsed by the National Quality Forum (which do not yet exist); will be collected and reported by the hospital association, as is currently done for all; state required quality of care and patient safety reports.

**New law!** **New Jersey –S147, A4328, S 919, A4327**

Bill Status: S147/A4328: Signed by Governor Corzine on 10/31/07. Chapter No. 196.

Bill Sponsor(s): A4328: Representatives Greenstein, Moriarty, Voss, Gordon, Epps, Vainieri, Johnson, Oliver, Manzo, Giblin, Steele; S 147: Senators Vitale, Conners, McNamara, Ciesla, Turner and Allen. S 919: Sen. Bucco;

Other Information: S147 will require public reporting of hospital-acquired infection rates. A4327 will tell the public each hospital's numbers on certain medical errors also known as "never events" currently being gathered in the state but only reported aggregately.

**New law!** **New Mexico – HJM 67; HB 165; HB 944**

Bill Status: HJM 67 signed by Governor.

Bill Sponsor(s): HB 165: Rep. Anderson; HB 944: Rep. Rodella; HJR 67: Rep. Anderson.

Other Information: HJM 67 establishes a task force to conduct a review of health care acquired infection studies in the U.S. Report on the feasibility of infection surveillance in NM no later than November 1, 2007.

### **Active!** North Carolina – H 1738

Bill Status: Passed House and Senate. Sent to Governor on 8/2/07.

Bill Sponsor(s): Representatives Glazier, Alexander, Allen and Insko. Co-sponsors: Reps. Faison and Harrison.

Other Information: Creates an advisory commission to make recommendations in 2009 for a public reporting system; requires further legislation to make public reporting mandatory. Session ends 8/3/07.

### **New law!** Oregon – HB 2524; SB 960

Bill Status: HB 2524 signed by Governor Kulongoski on 7/27.

Bill Sponsor(s): Reps. Tomei, Greenlick, Barker, Barnhart, Boone, Buckley, Cannon, Clem, Cowan, Dingfelder, Galizio, Gelsner, Gilliam, Holvey, Lim Nelson, Riley, Rosenbaum, Shields, Witt; SB 960: Sens. Bates and Westlund.

Other Information: Session ended 6/29/07.

### **New law!** Texas – HB 1398; SB 288

Bill Status: Signed by Governor Perry on 6/16/07.

Bill Sponsor(s): SB 288: Sen. Nelson and Rep. Delisi

Other Information: Requires certain hospital infection rates to be reported to the public.

### **New law!** Washington – HB 1106

Bill Status: Signed into law by Governor Gregoire. House final passage on 4/16. (yeas: 93 Nays: 2 Absent: 0 Excused: 3); Passed Senate on 4/11 (49-0).

Bill Sponsor(s): Rep. Campbell

Other Information: Requires certain hospital infection rates to be reported to the public.

### **West Virginia – HB 2234; SB 85**

Bill Status: Bills failed to pass before crossover deadline.

Bill Sponsor(s): HB 2234: Rep. Hamilton; Hurtkay, Hatfield; SB 85: Sen. Hunter and Foster.

### **Proposed MRSA screening and reporting legislation**

Bills requiring require hospitals to screen and publicly report infection rates for methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

### **Maryland – SB 837**

Bill Status: Killed in Senate Finance Committee on 3/21.  
Bill Sponsor: Sen. Gladden

**New law!** Illinois – **HB 378; SB 233**

Bill Status: SB 233 signed by Governor on 8/20.  
Bill Sponsor: SB 233: Sen. Radogno

**New law!** Minnesota – **HF 1078**

Bill Status: Signed by Governor on 5/25/07.  
Bill Sponsor(s): Huntley, Thissen, Gritz, Loeffler, Murphy, E, Abeler.  
Other Information: The MN budget bill – HF 1078 – contains numerous policy issues, including requiring some hospital-acquired infection reporting (NQF measures which are not yet finalized but should include some rates and it will be done by the MN hospital assn, which now publishes all of the MN quality data) and MRSA screening. Both sections are imbedded in a rather large bill – Articles 14 and 9 of the budget.

**New law!** New Jersey – **A4179/S2580**

Bill Status: Signed by Governor Corzine on 8/2/07. A4179 substituted by S2580.  
Bill Sponsor: S 2580: Sen. Buono, S2580: Sen. Buono, A4327: Assembly member Moriarty.  
Other Information: A4179/S2580 will require hospitals to screen certain patients for antibiotic resistant bacteria that cause deadly infections.

**Active!** New York – **S 4346**

Bill Status: Senate Committee on Health; amended 6/1.  
Bill Sponsor: Sen. Rath, De Francisco, Flanagan, Golden, Leibell, Maltese, Morahan, Padavan, Trunzo, Wright.

**MRSA Task Force**

**New law!** Tennessee – **S 268**

Bill Status: Signed by Governor on 5/15/07. Chapter No. 157.  
Bill Sponsor(s): By Senators Haynes, Burks, Marrero, Black and Representatives Moore, Sontany, Pruitt, Gilmore, Sherry Jones, Mike Turner, Hensley, Fitzhugh, Shepard, McDonald, Rowe, Harry Brooks, Campfield  
Other Information: Infections task force will meet twice a year to analyze data on the incidence and trend for “invasive MRSA” already reported.

**MRSA Pilot reporting program**

**New law!** Texas – **HB 1082**

Bill Status: Signed by Governor Perry on 6/15. Passed Senate on 5/22. Passed House on 5/7.

Bill Sponsor(s): Rep. Straus; Sen. Van de Putte

Other Information: Pilot program in Bexar County (San Antonio) to requiring labs to report cases of MRSA to the county with authority; info about MRSA, including location of the infections reported; will be made public.