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Hospital-acquired infection public reporting and MRSA related bills under consideration by states in 2008

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Alabama- [SB 29](#)

Bill Status: Bill died before end of session.

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Denton

Bill Information: Requires hospital infection reporting.

Alaska – [SB 300](#), [SB 245](#)

Bill Status: Bills died before end of session.

Bill Sponsor: SB 300: Health, Education and Social Services Committee; SB 245: Rules Cmte by request of the Governor.

Bill Information: Establishes the Alaska Health Care Commission and the Alaska health care information office which will maintain info on web including available rates of hospital acquired infections and mortality occurring at each hospital located in the state.

***Study bill passed!* Arizona – [SB 1356](#)**

Bill Status: Passed House and Senate. Sent for Governor's signature into law 4/22.

Bill Sponsor: Senator O'Halleran; Representative McClure: Senator Verschoor; Representatives Kavanagh, Stump

Bill Information: Establishes a state task force to make recommendations regarding hospital infection reporting and best practices for infection prevention.

***Active!* California – [SB 1058](#), [SB 158](#)**

Bill Status: SB 1058 and SB158 have been sent to the governor for signature.

Bill Sponsor: SB 1058: Sen. Alquist, SB 158: Florez

***New law!* Connecticut – [SB 579](#)**

Bill Status: S 579: Signed by Governor 4/29; public act No. 08-12.

Bill Sponsor: Joint Committee on Public Health

Bill Information: SB 579: **This is a weak bill, merely requiring that hospitals submit a MRSA prevention plan to department of public health.** It contains no requirement for screening patients or implementing strong infection control practices.

Active! District of Columbia – [B 470](#)

Bill Status: B 470: introduced 10/23/07; hearing 1/24/08

Bill Sponsor: Catania, Bowser, Schwartz, Wells, Cheh

Bill Information: Requires hospitals to adopt MRSA prevention programs, including MRSA screening

Active! Georgia – [HB 61](#)

Bill Status: HB 61: Introduced to House Cmte on Health and Human Services 1/11/07.

Bill Sponsor: HB 61: Rep. Powell

Bill Information: Requires hospital infection reporting

Hawaii – [SB 2492](#); [HB 2129](#)

Bill Status: Bills died before end of session.

Bill Sponsor: SB 2492: Senator(s) Gabbard, Espero, English, Hanabusa, Hooser, Inouye; HB 2129: Representative(s): Mizuno, Awana, Magaoay, Rhoads

Bill Information: SB 2492: Requires hospital infection reporting and screening, HB 2129: Requires hospital infection reporting.

Active! Illinois – [SB 1943](#), [SR 546](#), [HJR 103](#), [HB 4303](#)

Bill Status: SB 1943 (MRSA screening): intro 2/7/08, SR 546: Resolution passed on 4/10, HJR 103 intro 2/15. HB 4303: passed House on 4/9, moved to Senate and referred to Rules Committee.

Bill Sponsor: SB 1943: Sen. Forby, SR 546: Sen. Radogno, HJR 103: Rep. Bellock; HB 4303: Rep. Paul D. Froehlich, Patricia R. Bellock, Al Riley, Dan Reitz, Brandon W. Phelps, Patrick J Verschoore and Sidney H. Mathias.

Bill Information: SB 1943: Requires state residential facilities to establish a MRSA prevention program, including screening, SR 546: Designates the week of June 8, 2008 as "MRSA Awareness Week" (Passed), HJR 103: Establishes the MRSA education task force to educate students, parents, and school personnel about the dangers of MRSA and how it is spread. HB 4303: Creates the MRSA Screening, Prevention, and Reporting Act for State Residential Facilities. Requires state residential facilities to establish an MRSA control program. Defines "State residential facility" to mean: (i) Department of Human Services operated residential facilities, including State mental health hospitals and other facilities; (ii) Department of Veterans' Affairs operated veterans homes; (iii) Department of Corrections operated correctional centers, work camps or boot camps, and adult transition centers; and (iv) Department of Juvenile Justice operated juvenile centers and boot camps. Sets forth required features of the MRSA control program, including screening and surveillance, reporting, prevention, infection control, and treatment. Includes requirements for training of employees and others.

Iowa – [HB 2426](#)

Bill Status: Bill died before end of session.

Bill Sponsor: H. Miller, Berry, Gaskill, Bukta, and Mascher

Bill Information: HF 2426: Requires MRSA screening and MRSA reporting

Kentucky- [SB 183](#)

Bill Status: Bill died before end of session.

Bill Sponsor: Sen: McGaha

Other information: Requires hospitals and other health care facilities to implement MRSA prevention practices.

Bill Information: SB 183: Requires infection screening and infection reporting, for Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs), including MRSA.

***New law!* Maryland – [SB 102](#), [SB 286](#)**

Bill Status: SB 102: intro 1/16/08; assigned to Finance; unfavorably reported. SB 286 passed Senate 3/20; passed House 3/29; sent to Governor; enacted on 5/22.

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Gladden on both bills

Other information: SB 102 requires MRSA and VRE reporting and screening;

SB286 is weak MRSA bill. It establishes a public awareness campaign.

***New law!* Massachusetts – [S.2863](#)**

Bill Status: Sent to Governor on 8/1/08; Signed by the Governor on 8/10:

[Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2008](#)

Other information: An Act to Promote Cost Containment, Transparency and Efficiency in the Delivery of Quality Health Care, includes hospital infection reporting.

Mississippi – [H 594](#), [H 595](#), [SB 2090](#), [SB 2091](#)

Bill Status: All bills died in Committee

Bill Sponsor: H 594 and H 595: Rep. Moak, SB 2090 and SB 2091: Sen. Dearing.

Missouri – [HB 1546](#), [HB1516](#)

Bill Status: Bills died before end of session.

Bill Sponsor: HB 1546: Rep. Schaaf; HB 1516: Rep. Bruns

Other information: This MRSA bill was significantly weakened by the Committee, which removed the requirement that hospitals identify patients who are colonized or infected with MRSA and removed the requirement for all community and hospital-acquired MRSA and VRSA cases be reported (current law requires MRSA and VRE cases to be reported to the department of health and senior services). The current bill only requires hospitals to establish MRSA prevention strategies and leaves it up to the hospitals what those strategies should be. The bill also weakens the existing reporting requirements for reporting ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP) rates.

***Active!* New Jersey – [S 469](#), [A1860](#)**

Bill Status: S 469: Intro 1/8/2008 and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee; A1860: 1/24/2008 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

Bill Sponsor: S 469: Sen. Buono, Weinberg, A 1860: Rep. Conaway

Other information: These are companion bills that build on MRSA prevention legislation passed in 2007. The bills require that all patients be screened for MRSA and VRE to identify incoming patients who are carrying these bacteria. S469: Requires MRSA and VRE screening, A1860: Requires MRSA and VRE screening.

New Hampshire – [HB 1503](#)

Bill Status: HB 1503: Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 3/5 Reg (vote 22-0)

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Hess

New Mexico- HB 62, SB 518, HB 455

Bill Status: All bills died before end of session

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Heaton, Sen. Lopez, Rep. Rodella

Active! New York – A 9668, S 6980

Bill Status: A 9668: intro 1-15-08; referred to health, S 6980 intro: 2/20/08 and referred to the Cmte on Aging

Bill Sponsor: A 9668: Rep. Mayersohn, S 6980: Sen. Golden

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Oklahoma – S 1527, S 1557, HB 3169

Bill Status: All bills died before end of session

Bill Sponsor: S 1527: Sen. Leftwich, S 1557: Sen. Branam, HB 3169: Rep. Jackson.

Other information: S 1527: Requires hospital infection reporting, S 1557: Requires hospital infection reporting, HB 3169: Requires hospital infection reporting.

Active! Pennsylvania – [HB 2041](#), [HR 503](#)

Bill Status: HB 2041 (MRSA reporting): introduced and referred to cmte on Health and Human Services 11/19/07, HR 503: introduced 11/2/07; adopted 11/14/07

Bill Sponsor: HB 2041: Rep. Benninghoff; HR 503: Rep. Sabatina.

Other information: HB 2041: Requires MRSA reporting and screening, HR 503: Resolution regarding MRSA awareness

New law! Rhode Island – [H 7962](#), [S 2382](#)

Bill Status: S 2382 signed on 6/24 and H7962 signed on 7/1.

Bill Sponsor: H 7962: Representatives Naughton, Dennigan, and Slater; S 2382: Sen. Gallo, Fogarty, Levesque

South Dakota – [SB 33](#)

Bill Status: SB 33: Health and Human Services Tabled

Bill Sponsor: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Department of Health.

New law! Tennessee – [HB 3311](#), [SB 3667](#)

Bill Status: HB 3311: Enacted May 21, 2008.

Bill Sponsor: HB 3311: Rep. Maggart, SB 3667: Sen. Finney, SB 3667: companion of HB 3311; ref. to S.GW,H&HR Cmte

Other information: HB 3311: Requires MRSA screening of nursing home patients being admitted to hospitals.

Virginia – H 22

Bill Status: Bill died before end of session.

Bill Sponsor: Rep. O'Bannon

Other information: H 22: Requires MRSA reporting and adds MRSA to the list of reportable diseases.

New law! Washington – [SB 6333](#)

Bill Status: SB 6333 sent to Governor; enacted 4/11: Chapter 311, 2008 Laws.

Bill Sponsor: SB 6333: Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Marr, and McAuliffe)

Other information: Creates the Washington Citizens' Workgroup on Health Care to examine options for improving access to quality, affordable health care. The group is responsible for the development of patient safety initiatives, including health care facility reporting of adverse medical events and hospital-acquired infection reporting.

New law! West Virginia – [HB 2234](#), [HB4418](#)

HB 4418: Passed both houses, signed by Governor on 3/12. HB 2234: introduces 2/9/08; referred to Cmte on Health and Human Resources; then Judiciary.

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Delegates Hamilton, Hrutkay and Hatfield

Other information: HB 4418: Requires hospital infection reporting

Link to 2007 bills:

http://www.consumersunion.org/campaigns/2007_SHI_chart.pdf