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2006 legislative session  
Hospital-acquired infection public reporting bills

**Alabama** – HB 750

Bill Status: HB 750 failed to pass before the end of session.

Sponsor: Rep. **Gipson**

**Study bill passed!** **Alaska** – [SJR 19](#); [SB 208](#)

Bill Status: **SJR 19** passed House on 5/3/06. Passed by Senate 4/27/06. Sent to Governor Murkowski for signature. **SB 208:** Stalled in Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committee.

Sponsor: Sen. G. **Stevens** is sponsor of both bills. SJR 19 cross-sponsors: Gara, Ledoux

Other information: **SJR 19:** Creates task force to assess the benefits of public reporting of healthcare-acquired. **SB 208:** requires hospitals to disclose information about hospital-acquired infections.

**Active!** **California** – [SB 739](#); [SB 1780](#)

Bill Status: **SB 739** (Consumers Union opposes this bill.) Health committee passed as amended and referred to Appropriations committee. **SB 1780:** Referred to Senate Committee on Health and no further action is anticipated.

Sponsor(s): Sen. **Speier** (SB739); Sen. **Alarcon** (SB 1780)

Other Information: **SB 739** originally required reporting of outcome measures on hospital infections, however, as amended, it does not require any infection rate information be publicly disclosed. **SB 1780** requires hospitals to report all hospital-acquired infections to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, where rates will be calculated; OSHPD will provide the rates to local health departments.

**New law!** **Colorado** – [HB 1045](#)

Bill Status: **Signed by Governor Owens on 6/2/06.**

Sponsor(s): Representatives **McCluskey**, Butcher, Frangas, Todd; Senators **Keller**, Gordon, and Tochtrop.

**New law!** **Connecticut** – [SB 160](#)

Bill Status: **Signed by Governor Rell on 6/6/06.**

Sponsor(s): Senators **Murphy** and Slossberg; also Sens Guglielmo, Crisco, J. Harris. Reps. Sayers and Nardello; Also, Reps. **O'Neill**, Harkins, Kalinowski, Labriola, Hetherington, Rowe, Megna.

Other information: SB160 requires hospitals and surgical centers to report hospital-acquired infection information to the public.

**Delaware** - [HB 26](#)

Bill Status: HB 26 failed to pass before the end of session.

Sponsor(s): Rep. **Oberle**

**Study bill passed!** Georgia – [HB 417](#); [SB 83](#); [HB 1314](#); [SR 853](#)

Bill Status: **SR 853** adopted by Senate. All reporting bills failed to pass before end of session.

Sponsor(s): HB 1314: Rep. **Borders**; HB 417: Reps. Alan **Powell** and Mark Butler; SB 83: Sen. **Hamrick**; SR 853: **Hill**

Other Information: **SR 853**: creates the Health Care Standards Commission for Prevention of Hospital Acquired Infections; members include legislators, representatives of the hospital and medical community, and one researcher, but no public members; they will study safety standards, best practices, infection rates and causes. **HB417** is based on the CU Model Act; SB83 requires various quality of care information, including hospital-acquired infections, to be available to the public.

**Hawaii** – [HB 287](#); [HB 1513](#); [SB90](#); [SB465](#); [SB1086](#); [SB1800](#); [SB 132](#).

Bill Status: All bills failed to move out of committee before legislative deadline.

Sponsor(s): HB 287: Lee, Arakaki, Morita, Chong; HB1513: Stonebraker; SB 132: Ige; SB465: Sen. Taniguchi; SB 1086: Sen. Espero; SB 1800: Menor; SB 90: Sen Ihhra.

**Idaho** – [HB 618](#)

Bill Status: Bill failed to move out of committee before legislative deadline.

Sponsor(s): Health and Welfare Committee

**Iowa** - [HF44](#)

Bill Status: Bill failed to move out of committee before legislative deadline.

Sponsor(s): Rep. **Gaskill**

**Kansas** - [HB 2283](#)

Bill Status: Bill failed to move out of committee before legislative deadline.

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Committee

**Kentucky** – [HB 34](#); [HB 240](#); (HB 445)

Bill Status: HB 34 and HB 240 failed to move out of committee before legislative deadline. HB 445 passed house.

Sponsor(s): **HB 34**: Rep. **Henley**, G. Lynn; **HB 240**: Rep. **Gray**

Other Information: **HB 34**, **HB 240**: Hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers shall collect data on hospital-acquired infection rates. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission summarizing all of the hospitals' and ambulatory surgical centers' quarterly reports. Report is available to the public upon request. **HB445**: An omnibus healthcare bill that includes reporting on cost and quality of care in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Does not specifically mention hospital-acquired infections but could allow for reporting on infections.

**Louisiana - [SB 481](#)**

Bill Status: Withdrawn from further consideration on 5/16/06.

Sponsor(s): Sen. Adley

***New law!* Maryland – [HB 78/SB 135](#), [SB 535/HB 966](#)**

Bill Status: **SB 135** (companion to HB 78) passed by legislature and became law without Governor Ehrlich's signature. **HB 78** vetoed by Governor because it was duplicative to SB 135. **SB 535/HB 966** failed to pass due to opposition from the hospital industry.

Sponsor(s): **HB 78:** Delegates **Pendergrass**; Kaiser, Madaleno, Cryor, Trueschler, Dumais, Frush, Heller, Sossi, Ramirez, F. Turner, Bobo, Bronrott, Cadden, G. Glagett, DeBoy, Levy, Nathan-Pulliam. **SB 135:** Senator **Kelley**. **SB 535:** **Hollinger** and Gladden. **HB 966:** **Hubbard**.

Other Information: **HB 78/SB 135** require disclosure of certain hospital infection information. **SB 535/HB 966** require hospitals and nursing homes to use evidence-based methods to prevent the spread of antibiotic-resistant superbugs (MRSA/VRE).

***Set aside for study* Massachusetts – [HB2729](#) ([HB2743](#), [HB2745](#), [HB 2746](#), [S1308](#)), [S727](#), [S736](#), SD 2586.**

Bill Status: **HB 2729:** Joint Committee on Health Care Financing set aside for study on 5/18/06. **A public hearing to be held on June 12 in Peabody, MA (Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell Street) from 10AM to noon.**

Sponsor(s): HB 2729: Rep. Patrick, HB2644 and HB2645: Rep. Atkins, HB2743: Rep. Hall, HB2745: Rep. Hynes, HB 2746: Dowd, S1308: Sen. Morrissey, S727, S736 and SD2586: Sen. Moore.

Other information: HB2729 is the lead bill; HB 1308, 2746, 2743 and 2745 are carried by HB 2729, as they are identical to that bill. All of these bills require disclosure of hospital infection rates. The Health Care Reform (HB4479) bill passed by the legislature in April includes \$1 million for a "proactive statewide infection prevention and control program in licensed health care facilities following protocols of the Centers for Disease Control for the purposes of implementation and adherence to infection control practices that are the keys to preventing the transmission of infectious diseases."

***Active!* Michigan - [HB4504](#); [HB 4557](#), [SB 368](#)**

Bill Status: HB 4504 and 4557 carryover from 2005; referred to Committee on Health Policy. SB 368: Referred to Cmte on Health Policy.

Sponsor(s): HB 4557: Rep. **Wenke**; HB 4504: Rep. **Wojno**; SB 368: Sen Switalski.

**Minnesota – [HF 87](#)**

Bill Status: Failed to pass before end of session.

Other Information: Two year session. The second part begins March 1, 2006.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Kahn.

**Mississippi – [SB 2340](#); [SB 2293](#), SB 2294**

Bill Status: All bills failed to move out of the Cmte before the legislative deadlines.

Sponsor(s): SB 2340: Sen. Gray **Tollison**; SB 2293: Sen. Bob **Dearing**

Information: CU Hospital Infection Disclosure Act

**New law!** New Hampshire – [HB 1741](#)

Bill Status: **HB 1741: Signed by Governor Lynch on 6/15/06.**

Sponsor(s): HB 1741: Representatives **Pepino**, Lund, Powers Hess, Rogers Johnson. Senators: Boyce, Gallus. HB 1742: Rep. **Johnson**

Other Information: HB 1741 is a hospital infection public reporting bill similar to the New York reporting law passed in 2005. HB 1742 is based on the CU model Hospital Infection Disclosure Act.

**Active!** New Jersey – [AB 667](#), [SB 147](#), [AB 445](#), [SB 919](#)

Bill Status: AB 667 and AB 445 referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee. SB 147 and SB 919 referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens committee.

Sponsor(s): AB 667: Assemblymen **Christopher Connors**, Rumpf, Van Drew, Ramnick. Co-sponsor(s): Assemblymen Mckee, Munoz, Wolfe, Holzapfel, Diegnan. SB 147 sponsor(s): Senators **L. Connors**; McNamara. Co-sponsors: Senators Ciesla, Turner, Allen. AB 445: **Vas**. SB 919: **Bucco**.

Other Information: AB 445 and SB 919 are identical.

**North Carolina – [SB 391](#)**

Bill Status: Senate Committee on Health Care

Sponsor(s): Sen. **Lucas**

**Waiting for Governor's Signature** Ohio – [HB197](#)

Bill Status: **Passed by Senate (5/24); Passed by House (2/14/06).**

Sponsor(s): Reps. **Raussen**, Gibbs, J. McGregor, Carmichael, C. Evans, Flowers, D. Evans, Faber, Ujvagi, Koziura, Schaffer, Blasdel, Martin, Beatty, Blessing, Cassell, Collier, DeBose, Distel, Dolan, Domenick, Fessler, Hagan, Hughes, Key, Law, Mason, Miller, S. Patton, S. Smith, D. Stewart, Sykes, Wagoner, White, Williams, Woodard, Yuko.

Other Information: HB197 requires various price and performance data, including hospital-acquired infection data, to be reported to the state and made available to the public.

**Oklahoma – [SB 1098](#), [SB 1696](#)**

Bill Status: Bills failed to move out of committee before the deadline.

Sponsor(s): SB 1098: Sen. **Adelson**, SB 1696: Sen. **Riley**

**New law!** Rhode Island – [SB 2210](#)

Bill Status: **Signed by Governor Carcieri on 7/10/06.**

Sponsor(s): Senators **Gallo**, Lanzi, P Fogarty, Walaska, and Ciccone

Other information: The introduced bill called for reporting of hospital-acquired infection rates; the current compromise version requires a hospital

quality steering committee to include hospital infection information in already existing hospital quality reports.

**New law!** South Carolina – [SB1318](#), [SB799](#)

Bill Status: **SB 1318: Signed by Governor Sanford on 5/3/06.**

Sponsor(s): S. 1318: Sen. **Anderson** and Sen. Fair; S. 799: Sen. **Mescher**.

**New law!** Tennessee – [SB 2978/HB 3067](#); [HB 2618/SB 2935](#)

**SB 2978:** Signed by Governor Bredesen on 6/20/06. **HB 2618/SB 2935:** Assigned to committees but never had a hearing.

Sponsor(s): HB 2618: Rep. **McMillan**; SB 2935: Sen. **Ford**. HB 3067: Rep. **Shepard**; SB 2978: Sen. **Fowler**, Sen. Black.

Other information: **SB 2978** codifies the Dec 2005 recommendations of a state committee on hospital infection reporting; it provides minimal information to the public (annual reporting on blood stream infection rates; surgical site infection rates are collected, but hospital-specific rates will be confidential). **HB2618/SB2935** were based on the CU model act and would have provided more information to the public.

**Utah** – SJR 10

Bill Status: Failed to pass.

Sponsor(s): Sen. **Knudson**; Rep. Alexander

Other Information: Master study resolution. Item 77: study the reporting of hospital-acquired infections.

**New law!** Vermont – [H.258](#); [S.310](#)

Bill Status: **S.310: Signed by Governor Douglas on (6/1/06).** S.310 is an omnibus health care bill that contains the same language as **H.258**, which requires public reporting of hospital infection rates; reporting is also included in the state's budget bill.

Sponsor(s): H.258: Rep. Johannah **Donovan**; Co-sponsors: Anne Donahue, Helen Head, Linda Myers, John Rodgers, Kurt Wright, Loren Shaw. S.310: Sen. **Leddy**.

Other information: In addition to legislation, the state's health agency is planning to report on the rate that hospitals use surgical infection prevention procedures in the state's next hospital quality report card, to be issued in the summer of 2006.

**Washington** – [HB 1015](#)

Bill Status: Killed by Senate Committee on 2/24/06. Passed by House (59-39) on 2/13/06.

Sponsor(s): Representatives: **Campbell**, Morrel, Skinner, Hankins, Simpson, Schindler, Chase.

Other information: Requires hospitals to report certain infection rates to the Department of Health. The department is then required to publish an annual report that compares the hospital-acquired infection rates at each individual hospital in the state.

**West Virginia – [HB 2180](#)**

Bill Status: Bill failed to move out of committee before deadline. Referred to House Committee on Health and Human Resources.

Sponsor(s): HB 2180: Delegates **Hamilton**, Hrutkay, Hatfield, Perdue.

**Wisconsin – [AB 811](#)**

Bill Status: Failed to pass before end of session.

Sponsor(s): Representatives **Fields**, Sinicki, Ott, Musser, Sheridan, Lothan, Grigsby, Berceau, Bies, Davis, Young, Hines, Jensen, Zepnick, Towns, Pridemore.

Cosponsors: Senators Miller, Erpenback, Plate, Hansen, Cowles.

Other Information: Requires the Wisconsin Hospital Association collect and publish infection information.

Link to 2005 bills:

[http://www.consumersunion.org/campaigns/CHART\\_SHI.pdf](http://www.consumersunion.org/campaigns/CHART_SHI.pdf)