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2007 Legislative Session
Hospital-acquired infection public reporting bills

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Active! Alabama - SB 409

Bill Status: Senate Health Committee

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

Other Information: Session ends 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.

Active! Delaware - HB 47

Bill Status: Assigned to House Appropriations Cmte on 4/5. Introduced 2/28; to House Health and Human Development Committee; reported out of committee on 3/14 to House.

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Hudson; Sen. Conner

Other Information: Additional cosponsors: Reps. Spence, Lee, Blakey, Cathcart, Maier, Manolakos, Miro, Oberle, Outten, Short, Stone, Valihura, Wagner, Kowalko, McWilliams, Schooley, Viola, Walls; Sens. Sokola, Copeland, Sorenson. Session ends 6/30/07.

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 crossover deadline.

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 crossover deadline.

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 crossover deadline.

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

Active! Massachusetts- H 2059, H 2207, H 2073, H 2113, H2226, S1269, S1277

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

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.

Active! Minnesota – SF 755, HF 1076

Bill Status: Bills failed to pass before end of session. SF 755: introduced 2/12; sent to committee on Health Housing and Family Security; HF 1076 introduced and referred to House Health and Human Services (2/19).

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

Other Information: Two additional bills dealing with broader health care issues (SF2/HF297) include hospital infection reporting sections. Session ends 12/31/07.

New Mexico – HB 165; HB 944; HJM 67

Bill Status: All bills failed to pass before crossover deadline.

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

Active! North Carolina - H1738

Bill Status: Introduced on 4/18, referred to Committee on Health 4/19.

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 but requires further legislation to make public reporting mandatory. Session ends 8/3/07.

Active! Oregon – HB 2524; SB 960

Bill Status: HB 2524 passed House Health Care Committee on 4/6; referred to

Joint Ways and Means Committee. SB 960 referred to Health Policy and Public Affairs (3/15).

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

Additional Information: Session ends 6/29/07.

New law! Texas – **HB 1398; SB 288**

Bill Status: SB 288 passed Senate and House. Sent to Governor Perry on 5/15 for signature.

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

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

West Virginia – HB 2234; SB 85

Bill Status: Bills failed to pass before crossover deadline.

Bill Sponsor(s): HB 2234: Rep. Hamilton; Hrutkay, 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

Active! Illinois – **HB 378; SB 233**

Bill Status: HB 378 passed House (108-0) on 3/15; SB 233 passed Senate. SB 233 in House Health and Human Services Cmte-hearing on 5/8. HB 378 in Senate Public Health Cmte-hearing on 5/10.

Bill Sponsor: HB 378: Rep. Bellock; SB 233: Sen. Radogno

Other Information: Session ends on 6/1/07.

Active! New Jersey – **S 2580**

Bill Status: Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee 3/12.

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Buono

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.

Active! Texas – HB 1082

Bill Status: Passed House on 5/7. Reported favorably by Senate Health and Human Services committee on 5/15. Placed on local calendar.

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Straus

Other Information: Pilot program to identify and screen for MRSA (antibiotic resistant infection). Session ends on 5/28/07.

Health Reform Legislation

Active! Pennsylvania - HB 700

Bill Status: Referred to Committee on Insurance 3/22.

Bill Sponsors: Representatives Eachus, DeLuca, DeWeese, McCall, D. Evans, Cohen, Dermody, Surra, Sturla, Oliver and Mundy.

Other Information: HB 700 includes strong comprehensive provisions aimed at eliminating hospital-acquired infections and medical errors, including requiring hospitals to track and report infection and medical error trends; requiring hospitals and nursing homes to use evidence-based universal surveillance - screening of all patients for MRSA upon admission and randomized screening of inpatients, residents and staff; requiring nursing homes to report infections in a similar manner to the state’s current hospital infection reporting; establishing standardized best practices for health care facilities to eliminate medical errors and health care acquired infections and refusing to renew licenses of facilities that fail to meet these standards or demonstrate progress toward elimination of infections and errors; requiring as a condition of licensing, every health care professional with a license working in hospitals, as well as nursing home administrators and directors of nursing, to receive training on patient safety every two years; and requiring all hospitals to use a uniform electronic surveillance system to report health care acquired infections by September 2008.