**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Georgia - HB 61; SB 78; SB 150, HB 628**  
**Bill Status:** All bills failed to pass before end of session.  

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**Hawaii – HB 1438; SB 1239**  
**Bill Status:** All bills failed to pass before crossover deadline.  
**Other Information:** Both bills require public reporting of hospital infection rates.

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**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.

**Active! North Carolina** - **H1738**
Bill Status: Introduced on 4/18, referred to Committee on Health 4/19.
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


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.


**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.


**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**


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.

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**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.