

HB 1546 -- Infection Control

Sponsor: Schaaf

This bill changes the laws regarding infection control. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires all cases, including non-hospital acquired cases, of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), vancomycin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, and vancomycin-resistant enterococcus to be reported to the Department of Health and Senior Services;

(2) Specifies when ventilator-associated pneumonia should be included by the department in quarterly infection incidence rate reports; and

(3) Requires every hospital licensed in the state to develop an MRSA control program beginning January 1, 2009.