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S.B. 160 AAC Hospital Acquired Infections

This bill requires public disclosure of hospital acquired infections.

Hospital Acquired (“nosocomial”) infections are a major health care problem.

90,000 Americans die from hospital acquired infections every year, more than from auto accidents and homicides combined.

An additional 1.9 million people get an infection that does not cause death, but leads to weeks, months and years of rehabilitation and treatment; permanent disability; and loss of jobs. Depending on the type of infection, these patients spend from one to 30 extra days in the hospital.

Hospital infections add billions of dollars to the cost of health care, paid for by individual consumers, employers, state/federal programs, and health plans.

Special points of interest:

- 90,000 Americans die from hospital acquired infections every year.
- 1.9 million people get an infection that does not cause death, but leads to weeks, months and years of rehabilitation and treatment; permanent disability; and loss of jobs
- Billions of dollars are spent on health care as a result of hospital acquired infections.