

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2702
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Prevention of disease is paramount to public health. HB 2702 would promote the influenza vaccination to be administered annually to patients aged 65 or older.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

Amends the Health and Safety Code by adding a section that would require that influenza vaccines be made available to patients aged 65 or older. The vaccine is required to be documented in the patient's chart and on the hospital's permanent record. The bill specifically states that diligence be exercised to determine whether the patient has already received the vaccination for the year in question.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003