Legislative Summary

A. 3705 – Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther
S. 5186 – Senator Jen Metzger

To be employed by a hospital, an infection preventionist (IP) would be required to:

– successfully pass an exam from a nationally accredited infection prevention and epidemiology accrediting organization, such as the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.; or

– provide evidence that he/she was employed as an IP in a hospital for one year within four years prior of the bill’s passage; or

– be a student or intern performing the functions of an IP while serving under direct supervision.

A hospital could employ an IP who does not meet the certification requirements if:

– the facility is unable to hire a certified IP after a diligent and thorough search; or

– an IP earns his/her certification within three years of the start of employment.

Hospitals must share their employment records
A hospital must provide employment records of an IP to other hospitals upon request.

Scope of Practice
The language for this bill is intended only for IPs and does not apply to other healthcare professionals.