



## **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.