

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by adding
5 Section 3-713.5 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 45/3-713.5 new)

7 Sec. 3-713.5. Informal dispute resolution. Pursuant to the
8 requirements of subsection (c) of Section 3-212 of this Act,
9 when a facility submits comments to licensure findings, it
10 shall be considered an informal dispute resolution if the same
11 findings were not submitted for an informal dispute resolution
12 pursuant to protocols for federal certification deficiencies
13 established by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
14 Services. The Department shall review documentation submitted
15 as the basis for an informal dispute resolution. If the
16 Department determines that the submitted evidence or arguments
17 were insufficient to refute the findings, then the Department
18 shall provide a written explanation of the reason or reasons
19 why the evidence or arguments were insufficient to refute the
20 finding.