

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB2544

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 45/3-713.5

Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that for informal dispute resolution under the Act, if the Department of Public Health determines that the submitted evidence or arguments were insufficient to refute either the State's informal dispute resolution findings or federal informal dispute resolution deficiencies (currently, were insufficient to refute the findings), then the Department shall provide a detailed written explanation (currently, provide a written explanation) of the reason or reasons why the evidence or arguments were insufficient to refute the State's findings or federal deficiencies (currently, refute the finding). Makes a corresponding change. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

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

6 (210 ILCS 45/3-713.5)

Sec. 3-713.5. Informal dispute resolution. Pursuant to the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 3-212 of this Act, when a facility submits comments refuting licensure findings, it shall be considered an informal dispute resolution if the same findings were not submitted for an informal dispute resolution pursuant to protocols for federal certification deficiencies established by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Department shall review documentation submitted as the basis for an informal dispute resolution. If the Department determines that the submitted evidence or arguments were insufficient to refute either the State's informal dispute resolution findings or federal informal dispute resolution deficiencies, then the Department shall provide a detailed written explanation of the reason or reasons why the evidence or arguments were insufficient to refute the State's findings or federal deficiencies finding. If the Department fails to provide a written explanation of the

- 1 reason or reasons why the evidence or arguments were
- 2 insufficient to refute the <u>State's</u> informal dispute resolution
- 3 findings within 60 days of receipt, the alleged, disputed
- 4 licensure violation shall be cited, but no penalty shall be
- 5 imposed.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 99-555, eff. 1-1-17.)
- 7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 8 becoming law.