

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 2-108.5 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 45/2-108.5 new)

7 Sec. 2-108.5. Resident phone call or video call during a  
8 disaster declared by the Governor. Upon request, a facility  
9 shall make every reasonable effort to facilitate at least one  
10 phone call or video call between a resident and a single family  
11 member of the resident each day during a disaster declared by  
12 the Governor under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency  
13 Management Agency Act, unless doing so could pose a danger to  
14 residents or staff or redirect resources away from direct  
15 resident care and protection.

16 Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by  
17 adding Section 6.28 as follows:

18 (210 ILCS 85/6.28 new)

19 Sec. 6.28. Patient contact policy during pandemics or  
20 other public health emergencies. During a pandemic or other  
21 public health emergency, a hospital licensed under this Act

1 shall develop and implement a contact policy to encourage  
2 patients' ability to engage with family members throughout the  
3 duration of the pandemic or other public health emergency,  
4 including through the use of phone calls, videos calls, or  
5 other electronic mechanism.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.