

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 Medical Patient Rights Act is amended by
5 adding Section 8 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 50/8 new)

7 Sec. 8. COVID-19 testing; debt.

8 (a) In this Section, "health care professional" means a
9 physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, a
10 registered professional nurse, advanced practice registered
11 nurse, emergency medical technician, or other individual
12 appropriately licensed or registered to provide health care
13 services.

14 (b) A health care professional or health care provider
15 shall not contact a collection agency to collect unpaid debt
16 when a patient has a late payment or nonpayment of a medical
17 bill for COVID-19 testing, nor shall the health care
18 professional or health care provider report the late payment
19 or nonpayment to a credit reporting agency.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.