

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 Department of Professional Regulation Law of
5 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2105-170 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-170 new)

8 Sec. 2105-170. Health care workers; automatic suspension
9 of license. A health care worker, as defined by the Health Care
10 Worker Self-Referral Act, licensed by the Department shall be
11 automatically and indefinitely suspended at such time as the
12 final trial proceedings are concluded whereby a licensee has
13 been either convicted of, or has entered a plea of guilty or
14 nolo contendere in a criminal prosecution to, a criminal health
15 care or criminal insurance fraud offense, requiring intent,
16 under the laws of the State, the laws of any other state, or
17 the laws of the United States of America, including, but not
18 limited to, criminal Medicare or Medicaid fraud. A certified
19 copy of the conviction or judgment shall be the basis for the
20 suspension. If a licensee requests a hearing, then the sole
21 purpose of the hearing shall be limited to the length of the
22 suspension of the licensee's license, as the conviction or
23 judgment is a matter of record and may not be challenged.