

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 adding Section 3-713.5 as follows:

(210 ILCS 45/3-713.5 new)

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 to 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 the findings, then the Department shall provide a written explanation of the reason or reasons why the evidence or arguments were insufficient to refute the finding.