AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

Section 5. The Health Care Services Lien Act is amended by changing Section 30 and by adding Section 50 as follows:

(770 ILCS 23/30)

Sec. 30. Adjudication of rights. On petition filed by the injured person or the health care professional or health care provider and on the petitioner's written notice to all interested adverse parties, the circuit court shall adjudicate the rights of all interested parties and enforce their liens.

A petition filed under this Section may be served upon the interested adverse parties by personal service, substitute service, or registered or certified mail.

(Source: P.A. 93-51, eff. 7-1-03.)

(770 ILCS 23/50 new)

Sec. 50. Subrogation claims. If a subrogation claim or other right of reimbursement claim that arises out of the payment of medical expenses or other benefits exists with respect to a claim for personal injury or death, and the personal injury or death estate claimant's recovery is diminished:

(1) by comparative fault; or

(2) by reason of the uncollectibility of the full value of the claim for personal injury or death resulting from limited liability insurance;

the subrogation claim or other right of reimbursement claim shall be diminished in the same proportion as the personal injury or death estate claimant's recovery is diminished. Unless otherwise agreed by the interested parties, the amount of comparative fault and the full value of the claim shall be determined by the court having jurisdiction over the matter.

After reduction of the subrogation claim or other right of reimbursement claim due to either comparative fault or limited liability insurance, or both, the party asserting the subrogation claim or other right of reimbursement claim shall bear a pro rata share of the personal injury or death estate claimant's attorneys fees and litigation expenses. This Section 50 does not apply to any holder of a lien under the Workers' Compensation Act, the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act, or this Act including, but not limited to, licensed long-term care <u>facilities</u>, physicians, and hospitals, or to claims made to recoup uninsured payments pursuant to Section 143a of the Illinois Insurance Code or underinsured payments pursuant to Section 143a-2 of the Illinois Insurance Code. A subrogation claim or other right of reimbursement claim may be adjudicated even when a lien has not been filed regarding such claim.