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 changing Section 3-309 as follows:

(210 ILCS 45/3-309) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4153-309)

Sec. 3-309. A facility may contest an assessment of a penalty by sending a written request to the Department for hearing under Section 3-703. Upon receipt of the request the Department shall hold a hearing as provided under Section 3-703. Instead of requesting a hearing pursuant to Section 3-703, a facility may, within 10 business days after receipt of the notice of violation and fine assessment, transmit to the Department (i) 65% of the amount assessed for each violation specified in the penalty assessment or (ii) in the case of a fine subject to offset under paragraph (10) of Section 3 305, up to 75% of the amount assessed.

(Source: P.A. 96-1372, eff. 7-29-10.)

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