

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 2-108.5 as follows:

(210 ILCS 45/2-108.5 new)

Sec. 2-108.5. Resident phone call or video call during a disaster declared by the Governor. Upon request, a facility shall make every reasonable effort to facilitate at least one phone call or video call between a resident and a single family member of the resident each day during a disaster declared by the Governor under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, unless doing so could pose a danger to residents or staff or redirect resources away from direct resident care and protection.

Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding Section 6.28 as follows:

(210 ILCS 85/6.28 new)

Sec. 6.28. Patient contact policy during pandemics or other public health emergencies. During a pandemic or other public health emergency, a hospital licensed under this Act

shall develop and implement a contact policy to encourage patients' ability to engage with family members throughout the duration of the pandemic or other public health emergency, including through the use of phone calls, videos calls, or other electronic mechanism.

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