

1 AN ACT in relation to health facilities.

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

4 Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 2-203 and adding Section 2-203.5 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 45/2-203) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4152-203)

7 Sec. 2-203. Each facility shall establish a residents'  
8 advisory council. The administrator shall designate a member  
9 of the facility staff to coordinate the establishment of, and  
10 render assistance to, the council.

11 (a) ~~The composition--of-the~~ residents' advisory council  
12 shall be composed of 5 resident members elected by the  
13 residents of the facility. If there are not 5 residents  
14 capable of functioning on the council, residents'  
15 representatives may serve in the place of the necessary  
16 number of residents. specified-by-Department-regulation, but  
17 No employee or affiliate of a facility shall be a member of  
18 any council, but such employees or affiliates may attend a  
19 council meeting to discuss interests or functions of  
20 non-members when invited to do so by a majority of the  
21 council.

22 (a-5) A facility having 200 or more beds may establish  
23 additional residents' advisory councils for various smaller  
24 units within the facility. If a facility establishes such an  
25 additional council for a unit within the facility, the  
26 facility must ensure that the unit is still represented on  
27 the facility residents' advisory council serving the entire  
28 facility.

29 (b) The council shall meet at least once each month with  
30 the staff coordinator who shall provide assistance to the  
31 council in preparing and disseminating a report of each

1 meeting to all residents, the administrator, and the staff.  
 2 All council meetings must be open to participation by all  
 3 residents of the facility (or by all residents of a smaller  
 4 unit within the facility in the case of a council established  
 5 for that unit under paragraph (a-5)) and by members of the  
 6 residents' families.

7 (c) Records of the council meetings will be maintained  
 8 in the office of the administrator.

9 (d) The residents' advisory council may communicate to  
 10 the administrator the opinions and concerns of the residents.  
 11 The council shall review procedures for implementing resident  
 12 rights, facility responsibilities and make recommendations  
 13 for changes or additions which will strengthen the facility's  
 14 policies and procedures as they affect residents' rights and  
 15 facility responsibilities.

16 (e) The council shall do the following: ~~be-a-forum-for:~~

17 (1) Obtain ~~Obtaining~~ and disseminate ~~disseminating~~  
 18 ~~information.~~†

19 (2) Solicit ~~Soliciting~~ and adopt ~~adopting~~  
 20 recommendations for facility programing and  
 21 improvements.†

22 (3) Promptly identify problems ~~Early-identification~~  
 23 and make recommendations for the ~~for-recommending~~ orderly  
 24 resolution of those problems.

25 (f) The council may present complaints as provided in  
 26 Section 3-702 on behalf of a resident to the Department, the  
 27 Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board created by Section  
 28 2-204, or to any other person it considers appropriate.

29 (Source: P.A. 81-223.)

30 (210 ILCS 45/2-203.5 new)

31 Sec. 2-203.5. Community liaisons. Each facility must  
 32 develop and implement a plan for ensuring liaison with  
 33 concerned individuals and groups in the local community in

1 which the facility is located. The plan may include, but need  
2 not be limited to, the following features:

3 (1) Establishing a separate community advisory  
4 group composed of persons chosen by the residents of the  
5 facility.

6 (2) Establishing a relationship with a church or  
7 civic group, in which the church or civic group provides  
8 appropriate social or other services for the residents of  
9 the facility.

10 (3) Establishing a family council composed of  
11 family members and friends of residents who live in the  
12 community.