§ 2862. Supervision and regulation. 1. The commissioner may from time to time make, alter, amend and repeal rules and regulations for the supervision, examination, regulation and audit of nursing home companies and for carrying into effect the provisions and purposes of this article, and each company shall submit an annual report of its operations to the commissioner and the New York state housing finance agency or the New York state medical care facilities finance agency, as the case may be, who may examine and audit the books and records of the company at any time.

2. The commissioner and the department of health shall have power to act for and in behalf of the New York state housing finance agency or the New York state medical care facilities finance agency, as the case may be, in servicing the nursing home mortgage loans of such agency, and to perform such functions and services in connection with the making, servicing and collection of such loans as shall be requested by such agency.

3. (a) The commissioner and the department may, with respect to any nursing home project of which the New York state housing finance agency or the New York state medical care facilities finance agency, as the case may be, has acquired the fee or otherwise, enter into an agreement with said agency subject to the approval of the director of the budget, for the department, as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, to operate the said project in a manner consistent with the purposes of this article. In such event, the commissioner, on behalf of the department, shall have the power to use any available funds to pay all operating expenses and to comply with all the terms and provisions of the mortgage, if any, as though the mortgage had not been foreclosed, or any other applicable agreement and to comply with the provisions of this article.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the agreement with said agency, the commissioner may contract with any person, firm or corporation which he deems qualified to operate and manage such project and to perform such duties and functions as he may deem necessary.

4. Whenever the commissioner shall be of the opinion that a company is

failing or omitting, or is about to fail or omit to do anything required of it by law or by order of the commissioner and is doing or is about to do anything, or permitting anything, or is about to permit anything to be done, contrary to or in violation of law or of any order of the commissioner, or which is improvident or prejudicial to the interest of the public, the lienholders, the shareholders, or the occupants, the commissioner may, in addition to such other remedies as may be available, commence an action or proceeding in the supreme court of the state of New York in the name of the commissioner, for the purpose of having such violations or threatened violations stopped and prevented, and in such action or proceeding, the court may appoint a temporary or permanent receiver or both. Such action or proceeding shall be commenced by a petition to the supreme court, alleging the violation complained of and praying for appropriate relief. It shall thereupon be the duty of the court to specify the time, not exceeding twenty days after service of a copy of the petition, within which the company complained of must answer the petition. In case of any default or after answer the court shall immediately inquire into the facts and circumstances in such manner as the court shall direct in the interest of substantial justice without other or formal pleading. Such other persons or corporations as it shall seem to the court necessary or proper to join as parties in order to make its order or judgment effective, may be joined as parties. The final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall either dismiss the action or proceeding or direct that an order or an injunction, or both, issue, or provide for the appointment of a receiver as prayed for in the petition, or grant such other relief as the court may deem appropriate.