

I am writing in reference to H. 222. We respectfully ask that the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate consider changing the word "tenants" to "persons in recovery" to align with the later reference "persons recovering from substance use disorders" of the Bill.

While this Bill does not relate to landlord/tenant law, using such language would put recovery residences squarely within the landlord-tenant statute, which is problematic to temporary removal. When an individual experiences a recurrence of their substance use disorder, the safety and sobriety of ALL members of the household needs to be considered. Additional work needs to be done in the future to clarify if recovery residences fall under landlord tenant law and if so, if legislation with exemption language is appropriate.

Many thanks for your review and consideration.

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