

1 H.222

2 Introduced by Representative Johnson of Canaan

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Mental health; community residences; designated residential service
6 homes

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
8 definition for the term “designated residential service home” and to establish
9 training requirements for providers and staff.

10 An act relating to designated residential service homes

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 7102 shall be amended to read:

13 § 7102. DEFINITIONS

14 ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this chapter:

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16 (12) “Designated residential service home” means a place, however
17 named, which provides for profit or otherwise individualized therapeutic
18 treatment in a residential setting to one or two residents in accordance with a
19 wellness recovery action plan.

1 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 7103 shall be amended to read:

2 § 7103. ~~LICENSE~~ LICENSURE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

3 (a) A person shall not operate a nursing home, assisted living residence,
4 home for the terminally ill, residential care home, or therapeutic community
5 residence without first obtaining a license.

6 (b) A person shall not operate a nursing home as defined in this chapter or
7 as defined in 18 V.S.A. chapter 46 except under the supervision of an
8 administrator licensed in the manner provided in 18 V.S.A. chapter 46.

9 (c) Residents of a home for the terminally ill shall receive necessary
10 medical and nursing services, which may be provided through outside
11 providers.

12 (d) A person operating a designated residential service home and his or her
13 staff if any shall receive training in first aid, deescalation mechanisms, and
14 protocols identifying when to seek emergency or law enforcement intervention
15 to ensure the person and his or her staff are competent to provide appropriate
16 care to residents and to provide for the safety of residents and others.

17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.