

Sec. X. 9 V.S.A. § 4452 is amended to read:

§ 4452. EXCLUSIONS

(a) Unless created to avoid the application of this chapter, this chapter does not apply to any of the following:

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(b)(1) Notwithstanding sections 4467 and 4468 of this chapter, a recovery residence that has adopted a written discharge and transfer policy approved by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences may immediately discharge or transfer a resident in accordance with the policy if:

(A) the discharge or transfer is necessary for the resident's welfare;

(B) the resident's needs cannot be met at the recovery residence; or

(C) the health and safety of other residents or recovery resident employees would be at risk if the resident continues to reside at the recovery residence.

(2) As used in this subsection, "recovery residence" means a shared living residence supporting persons recovering from a substance use disorder that:

(A) provides tenants with peer support and assistance accessing support services and community resources available to persons recovering from substance use disorders; and

(B) is certified by an organization approved by the Department of Health and that is either a Vermont affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences or another approved organization or is pending such certification.