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2 Representative Parsons of Newbury moves that the bill be amended by
3 adding a reader assistance heading and new sections to be Secs. 8a and 8b to
4 read as follows:

5 * * * Recovery Residences * * *

6 Sec. 8a. 9 V.S.A. § 4452 is amended to read:

7 § 4452. EXCLUSIONS

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

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

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

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

17 (C) the health and safety of other residents or recovery resident

18 employees would be at risk if the resident continues to reside at the recovery
19 residence.

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

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

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

11 Sec. 8b. 18 V.S.A. § 4812 is added to read:

12 § 4812. RECOVERY RESIDENCES; EXIT AND TRANSFER REPORTING

13 (a) Annually on or before January 1, a recovery residence shall report to the
14 certifying body for the recovery residence any exit or transfer of a resident by
15 the recovery residence in the previous year and the asserted basis for
16 discharging or transferring the resident.

17 (b) Annually on or before January 15, the certifying body for a recovery
18 residence shall report to the Department of Health the data received under
19 subsection (a).

20 (c) Annually on or before February 1, the Department of Health shall
21 submit the data received under subsection (b) of this section to the House

1 Committees on General and Housing and on Human Services and the Senate
2 Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on
3 Health and Welfare.

4 (d) As used in this section, “recovery residence” means a shared living
5 residence supporting persons recovering from a substance use disorder that:

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

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

12 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act
13 relating to flood risk disclosure, accessibility standards for State-funded
14 residential construction, housing accountability, and recovery residence
15 evictions”