

Potential New Language

S.186

Introduced by Senator Lyons

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human Services; substance use disorder; recovery residences; recovery residence models

State of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Agency of Human Services to develop standards for substance use disorder recovery residences and recovery residence models operating in Vermont.

An act relating to the standards for of recovery residences and recovery residence models

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

Sec. 1. STANDARDS FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RECOVERY RESIDENCES AND RECOVERY RESIDENCE MODELS

(a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with community partners shall:

- (1) Establish a (voluntary? mandatory?) certification process for recovery residences;
- (2) Establish standards and procedures for such certification, including those that uphold industry best practices and support a safe, healthy, and effective recovery environment;
- (3) Promote quality and positive outcomes for the residents of recovery residences;
- (4) Outline the rights of those individuals in recovery from substance use disorder who are residents of a recovery residence, including the right to continue to receive prescribed or dispensed medications, including medication for the treatment of substance use disorder;
- (5) Provide training and technical assistance for recovery residence operators and staff;
- (6) Protect residents against unreasonable and unfair practices in setting and collecting fees and other residence payments; and
- (7) Establish procedures for data collection and to study the effectiveness of recovery residence regulation within the state;

(B) The certification process will finalized by DATE TBD: