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Act No. 103 (S.157). An act relating to recovery residence certification

Subjects: Certification; health; substance use disorder; recovery residence

This act requires that the Department of Health's Division of Substance Use Programs assume responsibility for recovery residence services in the State. Specifically, the act directs the Department to file an initial proposed rule with the Secretary of State by September 1, 2027, for the purpose of establishing a voluntary recovery residence certification program and requires that the permanent rule be adopted by December 1, 2028.

This act amends an existing law that enables a recovery residence to immediately exit or transfer a resident if certain conditions are met. It removes the preexisting July 1, 2026, sunset for this section of law. It also adds and amends conditions for the immediate exit or transfer of a resident. The amended condition relates to resident behavior that impacts the health or safety of other individuals residing, working, or volunteering at the recovery residence. The new conditions are related to the provision of written or electronic notice to a resident containing the date and rationale for a temporary removal or transfer and options for returning to the recovery residence and the establishment of a grievance process. This act also allows a recovery residence employee to enter the recovery residence at reasonable times as necessary to carry out functions related to the operation of the recovery residence.

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