

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 157
3 entitled “An act relating to recovery residence certification” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the report of the
5 Committee on Health and Welfare be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 3, 9 V.S.A. § 4452, in subdivision (b)(1)(A)(v), by inserting
7 the phrase “or volunteers” before the semicolon

8 Second: By striking out Sec. 5, rulemaking; recovery residence
9 certification, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 Sec. 5. RULEMAKING; RECOVERY RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION

11 (a) On or before September 1, 2027, the Department of Health shall file an
12 initial proposed rule with the Secretary of State pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
13 § 836(a)(2) for the purposes of establishing a voluntary recovery residence
14 certification program. At a minimum, the rule shall:

15 (1) require that a recovery residence seeking certification from the State
16 comply with the certification standards of the Vermont Alliance for Recovery
17 Residences or another organization approved by the Department; and

18 (2) set forth data collection standards and reporting requirements for
19 certified recovery residences, including data elements and frequency, and
20 requirements for annual reporting from the Department to the General
21 Assembly that measure the program’s effectiveness.

1 (b) The Department shall complete the rulemaking process and adopt a
2 permanent rule pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 on or before December 1,
3 2028.

4 (c) If the Department identifies the need for a fee to support the voluntary
5 recovery residence certification program described in this section, the
6 Department shall first propose the fee to the General Assembly and, if the
7 General Assembly chooses to enact it into law, may incorporate the fee into the
8 required rule.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE