

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and
5 Dependency Act is amended by adding Section 55-35 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 301/55-35 new)

7 Sec. 55-35. Recovery residences.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "recovery residence" means a
9 sober, safe, and healthy living environment that promotes
10 recovery from alcohol and other drug use and associated
11 problems. These residences are not subject to Department
12 licensure as they are viewed as independent living residences
13 that only provide peer support and a lengthened exposure to the
14 culture of recovery.

15 (b) The Department shall develop and maintain an online
16 registry for recovery residences that operate in Illinois to
17 serve as a referral resource for individuals seeking continued
18 recovery assistance.

19 (c) Non-licensable recovery residences are encouraged to
20 register with the Department and the registry shall be publicly
21 available through online posting.

22 (d) The registry shall highlight attributes of recovery
23 residences such as any endorsement by a third party. The

1 registry shall also indicate each recovery residence's
2 location in order to assist providers and individuals in
3 finding alcohol and drug free housing options with like-minded
4 residents who are committed to alcohol and drug free living.

5 (e) Registrants are encouraged to seek national
6 accreditation from any entity that has developed uniform
7 national standards for recovery residences. A registrant's
8 national accreditation designation shall be indicated in the
9 online registry as an indicator of a quality setting that
10 promotes a culture of recovery and supports and improves
11 treatment outcomes.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
13 1, 2019.