

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

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

(20 ILCS 301/55-35 new)

Sec. 55-35. Recovery residences.

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

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

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

(d) The registry shall indicate any accreditation, certification, or licensure that each recovery residence has

received from an entity that has developed uniform national standards. The registry shall also indicate each recovery residence's location in order to assist providers and individuals in finding alcohol and drug free housing options with like-minded residents who are committed to alcohol and drug free living.

(e) Registrants are encouraged to seek national accreditation from any entity that has developed uniform State or national standards for recovery residences.

(f) The Department shall include a disclaimer on the registry that states that the recovery residences are not regulated by the Department and their listing is provided as a resource but not as an endorsement by the State.

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