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2D SESSION

H. R. 4684

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to
identify or facilitate the development of best practices
for operating recovery housing, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Access to
3 Quality Sober Living Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL RECOVERY HOUSING BEST PRACTICES.**

5 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 399V–7. NATIONAL RECOVERY HOUSING BEST PRAC-**
8 **TICES.**

9 “(a) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary of Health
10 and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary
11 for Housing and Urban Development, patients with a his-
12 tory of opioid use disorder, and other stakeholders, which
13 may include State accrediting entities and reputable pro-
14 viders, analysts, and stakeholders of recovery housing
15 services, such as the National Alliance for Recovery Resi-
16 dences, shall identify or facilitate the development of best
17 practices, which may include model laws for implementing
18 suggested minimum standards, for operating recovery
19 housing.

20 “(b) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary shall dissemi-
21 nate the best practices identified or developed under sub-
22 section (a) to—

23 “(1) State agencies, which may include the pro-
24 vision of technical assistance to State agencies seek-
25 ing to adopt or implement such best practices;

26 “(2) recovery housing entities; and

1 “(3) the public, as appropriate.

2 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) The term ‘recovery housing’ means a
4 shared living environment free from alcohol and il-
5 licit drug use and centered on peer support and con-
6 nection to services, including medication-assisted
7 treatment services, that promote sustained recovery
8 from substance use disorders.

9 “(2) The term ‘State’ includes any of the sev-
10 eral States, the District of Columbia, each Indian
11 tribe or tribal organization (as those terms are de-
12 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
13 and Education Assistance Act), and any territory or
14 possession of the United States.

15 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
16 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
17 priated \$3,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2019
18 through 2021.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 12, 2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.