



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5741

House of Representatives, April 13, 2017

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "sober living home" means an alcohol and drug-free residence
3 where (1) unrelated adults who are recovering from a substance use
4 disorder choose to live together in a supportive environment during
5 their recovery, and (2) no formal substance use disorder treatment
6 services are provided.

7 (b) A sober living home may register with the Department of Mental
8 Health and Addiction Services. The department shall establish criteria
9 for the acceptance and revocation of a sober living home registration.
10 Any residence that registers with the department as a sober living
11 home and is occupied by at least one resident who has been diagnosed
12 with opioid use disorder by a licensed health care professional shall, in
13 order to maintain registration, (1) maintain a supply of opioid
14 antagonists on the premises, and (2) provide training in the
15 administration of opioid antagonists to all of its residents. No

16 residence that does not register with the department as a sober living
17 home may advertise or hold itself out as a sober living home in the
18 state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	up to \$150,000	up to \$150,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) associated with allowing sober living homes to register with DMHAS. Based on FY 16 costs for the Supported Recovery House Services (SRHS) certification, DMHAS could incur additional contract costs of up to \$150,000 to take and maintain registrations, depending on the number of applicable sober homes.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of sober homes registering with DMHAS.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB05741****AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES.****SUMMARY**

This bill allows a sober living home to register with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and prohibits a home that does not do so from advertising or holding itself out as a sober living home in Connecticut. DMHAS must establish criteria to accept and revoke registrations.

Under the bill, a registered sober living home occupied by at least one resident diagnosed by a licensed health care professional with an opioid use disorder must (1) maintain a supply of opioid antagonists on the premises and (2) train residents to administer the medication.

The bill defines a “sober living home” as an alcohol- and drug-free residence where (1) unrelated adults recovering from a substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive environment during their recovery and (2) no formal substance use disorder treatment services are provided.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 1 (03/24/2017)