

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/CS/CS/SB 954 — Certified Recovery Residences

by Rules Committee; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Community Affairs Committee; and Senators Gruters and Rouson

The bill requires local governments to adopt an ordinance by January 1, 2026, and subject to certain restrictions, to formalize and streamline the process for applicants seeking reasonable accommodations from land use regulations in order to open a certified recovery residence. The ordinance must contain a procedure which results in approval or denial within 60 days after receipt of an application, without public hearings beyond the minimum required to grant the requested accommodation.

For certain Level IV certified recovery residences, the bill also eliminates staffing requirements when patients are not present and increases the number of residents that a recovery residence administrator can oversee from 150 to 300 if the operator maintains certain personnel-to-resident ratios when residents are present.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 97-10