

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to community residential homes; amending
 3 s. 419.001, F.S., relating to site selection of community
 4 residential homes; revising the definition of the term
 5 "community residential home"; defining the term "sober
 6 house transitional living home"; requiring supervision of
 7 the residents of such a home; requiring that a sober house
 8 transitional living home comply with standards of
 9 occupancy set by the local government; providing
 10 restrictions on the provision of onsite substance abuse
 11 treatment services; limiting applicability; providing an
 12 effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 17 419.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, present paragraph (f) of
 18 that subsection is redesignated as paragraph (g), and a new
 19 paragraph (f) is added to that subsection, to read:

20 419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.—

21 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term:

22 (a) "Community residential home" means a dwelling unit
 23 licensed to serve residents who are clients of the Department of
 24 Elderly Affairs, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the
 25 Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Children
 26 and Family Services or licensed by the Agency for Health Care
 27 Administration which provides a living environment for 7 to 14
 28 unrelated residents who operate as the functional equivalent of

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29 a family, including such supervision and care by supportive
30 staff as may be necessary to meet the physical, emotional, and
31 social needs of the residents, or a dwelling unit that operates
32 as a sober house transitional living home.

33 (f) "Sober house transitional living home" means a
34 community residential home that provides a peer-supported and
35 managed alcohol-free and drug-free living environment. In order
36 to promote a residence as a sober house transitional living
37 home, it must be supervised by a house manager who ensures that
38 a sober living environment is maintained and who offers
39 structure and peer support. A sober house transitional living
40 home must adhere to local municipal or county standards of
41 occupancy. Substance abuse treatment may not be provided onsite
42 unless provided by a licensed service provider as defined in s.
43 397.311(17). The limitations of this definition do not apply to
44 a sober living facility that is affiliated with, managed by, or
45 operated by a licensed service provider as defined in s.
46 397.311(17).

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.