

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to certified recovery residences;
 3 amending s. 397.311, F.S.; revising the definition of
 4 the term "certified recovery residence"; amending s.
 5 397.487, F.S.; requiring a credentialing entity to
 6 revoke a certified residence's certificate of
 7 compliance if the certified recovery residence
 8 willfully, knowingly, or intentionally provides false
 9 or misleading information to the credentialing entity;
 10 amending s. 397.4873, F.S.; revising applicability of
 11 provisions governing referrals to or from recovery
 12 residences; providing an 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 (d) of subsection (5) of section**
 17 **397.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

18 397.311 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, except part
 19 VIII, the term:

20 (5) "Certified recovery residence" means a recovery
 21 residence that holds a valid certificate of compliance and is
 22 actively managed by a certified recovery residence
 23 administrator.

24 (d) A Level IV certified recovery residence is a residence
 25 offered, referred to, or provided by, a licensed service

26 provider to its patients who ~~are required to~~ reside at the
 27 residence while receiving intensive outpatient and higher levels
 28 of outpatient care. Such residences are required to be staffed
 29 24 hours a day and combine outpatient licensable services with
 30 recovery residential living. Residents are required to follow a
 31 treatment plan and attend group and individual sessions, in
 32 addition to developing a recovery plan within the social model
 33 of living in a sober lifestyle. No clinical services are
 34 provided at the residence, and all licensable services are
 35 provided offsite.

36 **Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (8) of section**
 37 **397.487, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

38 397.487 Voluntary certification of recovery residences.—

39 (8) Onsite followup monitoring of a certified recovery
 40 residence may be conducted by the credentialing entity to
 41 determine continuing compliance with certification requirements.
 42 The credentialing entity shall inspect each certified recovery
 43 residence at least annually to ensure compliance.

44 (e) A credentialing entity must ~~shall~~ revoke a certified
 45 recovery residence's certificate of compliance if the certified
 46 recovery residence willfully, knowingly, or intentionally
 47 provides false or misleading information to the credentialing
 48 entity at any time.

49 **Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**
 50 **397.4873, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

51 397.4873 Referrals to or from recovery residences;
52 prohibitions; penalties.—

53 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

54 ~~(a) A licensed service provider under contract with a~~
55 ~~managing entity as defined in s. 394.9082.~~

56 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.