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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

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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.