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H. R. 4684

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to publish and disseminate best practices for operating a recovery housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2017

Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to publish and disseminate best practices for operating a recovery housing, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Access to
5 Quality Sober Living Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL RECOVERY HOUSING BEST PRACTICES.**

7 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
8 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 399V-7. NATIONAL RECOVERY HOUSING BEST PRACTICES.**
10 **TICES.**

11 “(a) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary of Health
12 and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary
13 for Housing and Urban Development, patients with a his-
14 tory of opioid use disorder, and other stakeholders, which
15 may include State accrediting entities and reputable pro-
16 viders, analysts, and stakeholders of recovery housing
17 services, such as the National Alliance for Recovery Resi-
18 dences, shall identify or facilitate the development of best
19 practices, which may include model laws for implementing
20 suggested minimum standards, for operating recovery
21 housing.

22 “(b) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary shall dissemi-
23 nate the best practices identified or developed under sub-
24 section (a) to—

1 “(1) State agencies, which may include the pro-
2 vision of technical assistance to State agencies seek-
3 ing to adopt or implement such best practices;

4 “(2) recovery housing entities; and

5 “(3) the public, as appropriate.

6 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) The term ‘recovery housing’ means a
8 shared living environment free from alcohol and il-
9 licit drug use and centered on peer support and con-
10 nection to services, including medication-assisted
11 treatment services, that promote sustained recovery
12 from substance use disorders.

13 “(2) The term ‘State’ includes any of the sev-
14 eral States, the District of Columbia, each Indian
15 tribe or tribal organization (as those terms are de-
16 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
17 and Education Assistance Act), and any territory or
18 possession of the United States.

19 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
20 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
21 priated \$3,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2019
22 through 2021.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify or facilitate the development of best practices for operating recovery housing, and for other purposes.”.