

115TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KAINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 Recovery Living Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. BEST PRACTICES FOR OPERATING RECOVERY**
2 **HOUSING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-
5 ter for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance
6 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—

7 (1) shall publish best practices for operating re-
8 covery housing that are based on—

9 (A) the applicable domains, core principles,
10 and standards of the National Alliance for Re-
11 covery Residences;

12 (B) input from other nationally accredited
13 recovery housing entities and from stakeholders;
14 and

15 (C) input from relevant Federal agencies;

16 (2) shall publish guidance, based on the best
17 practices under paragraph (1), to provide patients
18 with information on recovery home best practices;

19 (3) shall disseminate such best practices to the
20 State;

21 (4) shall require States, as a condition for re-
22 ceiving any grant or contract through the Substance
23 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
24 that supports recovery housing, to follow such best
25 practices for such recovery housing; and

1 (5) may provide technical assistance to States
2 seeking to adopt or implement such best practices.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “recovery housing” means a fam-
5 ily-like, shared living environment free from alcohol
6 and illicit drug use and centered on peer support
7 and connection to services that promote sustained
8 recovery from substance use disorders.

9 (2) The term “State” includes any of the sev-
10 eral States, the District of Columbia, and any terri-
11 tory or possession of the United States.