

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB277

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Coyner

3. **Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

4. **Title:** Certified recovery residences.

5. **Summary:** Requires every person who operates a recovery residence to disclose to potential residents whether the recovery residence is a certified recovery residence and that no health care provider or behavioral health service provider who receives public funds or state agency shall refer a person with substance abuse disorder to a recovery residence unless the recovery residence has been certified by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Board). The bill also provides that credentialing agencies by which the Board may require accreditation or in which the Board may require membership shall administer credentialing and certification programs in accordance with standards of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences or standards endorsed by Oxford House, Inc.; requires the Board to adopt regulations requiring each certified recovery residence include one or more resident or nonresident staff persons who is employed by the provider for compensation and who is responsible for oversight or management of the recovery residence; and requires the Department to provide, for each certified recovery residence included on the list maintained on the Department's website the level of support provided by the certified recovery residence. The bill also provides that certified recovery residences in which a certifying entity verifies 50 square feet per bed per sleeping room shall constitute residential occupancy by a single family for zoning purposes, regardless of the number of persons residing in the certified recovery residence, and exempts certified recovery residences from the provisions of the Virginia Landlord and Tenant Act.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** None.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. Other Comments: None.