

Amendment to HB 1521

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to recovery houses.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Recovery House; Definition. Amend RSA 153:10-d, II to read as follows:

8 II. In this section, "recovery house" means a ~~[residence]~~ **primarily non-transient**
9 **dwelling or dwelling unit** that provides a ~~[safe, healthy, family-like,]~~ substance-free living
10 environment that supports individuals in recovery from addiction **living as a single household**
11 and is centered on peer support and a connection to services that promote long-term recovery;
12 provided that "recovery housing" shall not include **a boarding house, a rooming house,** a halfway
13 house, or any other facility requiring a license pursuant to RSA 151.

14 2 New Paragraph; Purposes of Zoning Ordinances; Recovery Houses. Amend RSA 674:17 by
15 inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

16 V. A recovery house, as defined in RSA 153:10-d, II, that is located within a single-family, 2-
17 family, or multi-family structure shall be treated in every zoning ordinance as a single-family, 2-
18 family, or multi-family use, respectively, and shall not be subject to permitting or approval processes
19 that a zoning ordinance or other land use regulation adopted under this title does not similarly
20 require of other such uses. Use of an existing multi-family structure as a recovery house under this
21 paragraph shall not require site plan review. For purposes of this paragraph, a recovery house shall
22 be certified pursuant to RSA 172-B:2, V(a)(2) or shall be actively pursuing certification and achieve
23 certification within one year after beginning operations. For a recovery house to be included under
24 this paragraph, its operator shall first provide written notification to the local governing body at
25 least 30 days prior beginning operations, and the local governing body may seek to ensure that the
26 recovery house is either certified or seeking certification, as well as to ensure that the requirements
27 of RSA 153 and RSA 155-A are met.

28 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the definition of recovery house and specifies how a recovery house ought to be treated when interpreting zoning ordinances.