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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 562

(Senator Pugh)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

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**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Recovery Homes - Best Practices**

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to identify standards for best practices for recovery homes. DHMH must report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2011.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements can be handled with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Recovery homes provide temporary residential services for individuals recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. DHMH does not currently regulate recovery homes. The number of recovery homes in the State is unknown, but DHMH estimates that there are approximately 300.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Legislative Services

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