

# SENATE BILL 558

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recovery Residence Grant Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Recovery Residence Grant Program within the  
4 Maryland Department of Health to provide grants to recovery residences in the  
5 State; and generally relating to the Recovery Residence Grant Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Health – General  
8 Section 7.5–101(a), (n), and (o) and 19–2501  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Health – General  
13 Section 19–2505  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 7.5–101.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (n) “Peer support services” means a set of nonclinical activities provided by  
3 individuals in recovery from mental disorders, substance–related disorders, or addictive  
4 disorders who use their personal, lived experiences and training to support other  
5 individuals with mental disorders, substance–related disorders, or addictive disorders.

6 (o) “Recovery residence” means a service that:

7 (1) Provides alcohol–free and illicit–drug–free housing to individuals with  
8 substance–related disorders or addictive disorders or co–occurring mental disorders and  
9 substance–related disorders or addictive disorders; and

10 (2) Does not include clinical treatment services.

11 19–2501.

12 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (b) “Certificate of compliance” means a certificate that is issued to a recovery  
14 residence by a credentialing entity.

15 (c) “Certified recovery residence” means a recovery residence that holds a  
16 certificate of compliance.

17 (d) “Credentialing entity” means a nonprofit organization that develops and  
18 administers professional certification programs according to nationally recognized  
19 certification standards.

20 (e) “Recovery residence” has the meaning stated in § 7.5–101 of this article.

21 **19–2505.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE**  
23 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

24 **(B) (1) THERE IS A RECOVERY RESIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE**  
25 **DEPARTMENT.**

26 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO**  
27 **RECOVERY RESIDENCES IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

28 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

29 **(D) THE PROGRAM SHALL AWARD COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO RECOVERY**  
30 **RESIDENCES TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS.**

1 (E) TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, A RECOVERY  
2 RESIDENCE MUST:

3 (1) BE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE  
4 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;

5 (2) SUBMIT A CURRENT COPY OF THE FORM 990 THAT THE  
6 ORGANIZATION FILES WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;

7 (3) BE CERTIFIED ~~AS A LEVEL II RECOVERY RESIDENCE BY THE~~  
8 ~~CREDENTIALING ENTITY BY THE CREDENTIALING ENTITY AS A LEVEL I, LEVEL II,~~  
9 ~~OR LEVEL III RECOVERY RESIDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL~~  
10 ~~ALLIANCE FOR RECOVERY RESIDENCES STANDARDS;~~

11 (4) ~~DEMONSTRATE THAT THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN~~  
12 ~~OPERATING AS A CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCE FOR THE IMMEDIATELY~~  
13 ~~PRECEDING 5 YEARS;~~

14 (5) ~~MAINTAIN RULES REGARDING SOBRIETY AND CONDUCT THAT~~  
15 ~~ARE APPROVED BY THE CREDENTIALING ENTITY;~~

16 (6) ~~MAINTAIN A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY REGARDING SUBSTANCE~~  
17 ~~AND ALCOHOL ABUSE WHILE LIVING AT THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE;~~

18 (7) ~~SERVE AS A RESIDENCE FOR A MINIMUM OF:~~

19 (I) ~~10 INDIVIDUALS PER DAY; AND~~

20 (II) ~~30 INDIVIDUALS PER YEAR;~~

21 (8) ~~OFFER PEER SUPPORT SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN § 7.5-101 OF~~  
22 ~~THIS ARTICLE;~~

23 (9) ~~REGULARLY CONDUCT MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS ABOUT~~  
24 ~~ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE;~~

25 (10) ~~CONDUCT REGULAR AND RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING~~  
26 ~~OF RESIDENTS;~~

27 (11) ~~DEMONSTRATE THAT AT LEAST 50% OF RESIDENTS REMAINED~~  
28 ~~SOBER WHILE LIVING IN THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE DURING THE IMMEDIATELY~~  
29 ~~PRECEDING 2 YEARS; AND~~

1           ~~(12)~~ (4)       NOT ACCEPT OR RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM PRIVATE  
2 INSURANCE OR THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND

3           (5) MEET ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE  
4 DEPARTMENT IN REGULATION.

5           (F)   (1)   THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH:

6                   (I)   APPLICATION PROCEDURES;

7                   (II)  CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE  
8 PROGRAM;

9                   (III) PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING GRANTS UNDER THE  
10 PROGRAM; AND

11                  (IV) ANY OTHER PROCEDURES OR CRITERIA NECESSARY TO  
12 CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

13           (2)   IN ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA UNDER THIS  
14 SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT THE CREDENTIALING ENTITY.

15           (G)   FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEAR YEARS 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
16 THEREAFTER THROUGH 2027, THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL SHALL INCLUDE AN  
17 APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.

18           (H)   ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024, THE  
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §  
20 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT  
21 THAT INCLUDES, FOR THE MOST RECENT CLOSED FISCAL YEAR:

22                   (1)   THE NUMBER OF GRANTS DISTRIBUTED; AND

23                   (2)   INFORMATION ABOUT GRANT RECIPIENTS AND PROGRAMS AND  
24 SERVICES PROVIDED.

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2023.