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H. R. 4684

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to publish and disseminate best practices for operating a recovery housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2017

Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Access to
3 Quality Sober Living Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. BEST PRACTICES FOR OPERATING RECOVERY**
5 **HOUSING.**

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

10 (1) shall publish best practices for operating re-
11 covery housing, based on—

12 (A) the applicable domains, core principles,
13 and standards of the National Alliance for Re-
14 covery Residences; and

15 (B) input from other nationally accredited
16 recovery housing entities and from stakeholders;

17 (2) shall disseminate such best practices to the
18 government of each State; and

19 (3) may provide technical assistance to States
20 seeking to adopt or implement such best practices.

21 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “recovery housing” means a fam-
23 ily-like, shared living environment free from alcohol
24 and illicit drug use and centered on peer support
25 and connection to services that promote sustained
26 recovery from substance use disorders.

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

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
5 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
6 \$3,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2018 through
7 2020.

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