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# H. R. 5462

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. BACON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. BROWNLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Michelle Alyssa Go  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISING THE DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION FOR**  
2 **MENTAL DISEASES UNDER THE MEDICAID**  
3 **PROGRAM TO EXCLUDE FROM SUCH DEFINI-**  
4 **TION INSTITUTIONS HAVING 36 BEDS OR**  
5 **LESS IF SUCH INSTITUTIONS MEET CERTAIN**  
6 **STANDARDS.**

7 Section 1905(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1396d(i)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(i) INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASES.—The  
10 term ‘institution for mental diseases’ means a hospital,  
11 nursing facility, or other institution that is primarily en-  
12 gaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons  
13 with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing  
14 care, and related services, unless such hospital, facility,  
15 or other institution—

16 “(1) has 36 beds or less; and

17 “(2) meets nationally recognized, evidence-  
18 based standards for mental health programs (and, in  
19 the case of an institution for mental diseases that  
20 provides treatment for substance use disorders,  
21 meets nationally recognized, evidence-based stand-  
22 ards for substance use disorder programs, such as  
23 the latest standards set forth by the American Soci-  
24 ety of Addiction Medicine) approved by the Sec-  
25 retary, including standards that establish the types  
26 of services offered, hours of clinical care, and staff-

1       ing credentials for such an institution, and any other  
2       standards as the Secretary may require.”.

3   **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4       The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
5   180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and shall  
6   apply to State plans beginning on such date.

