

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 385

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the participation of the public in governmental decisions regarding the location of group homes established pursuant to the program of block grants for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Substance Abuse
5 Group Homes Amendments of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC IN GOVERNMENTAL DE-**
2 **CISIONS REGARDING LOCATION OF CERTAIN**
3 **GROUP HOMES.**

4 Section 1925 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300x-25) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing subsection:

7 “(d) LOCATION OF HOMES; MONITORING.—A fund-
8 ing agreement for a grant under section 1921 is that the
9 State involved, in providing for the establishment and op-
10 eration of housing pursuant to the revolving fund under
11 subsection (a), will ensure that the State or local officials
12 involved comply with the following:

13 “(1) In developing and administering govern-
14 mental policies for the location of such housing (re-
15 ferred to in this subsection as ‘designated group
16 homes’), the officials provide the public with oppor-
17 tunities to consult with the officials on proposed and
18 existing policies.

19 “(2) Before making a decision to permit the es-
20 tablishment of a designated group home in a com-
21 munity:

22 “(A) The officials notify members of the
23 community that the community is under consid-
24 eration as a proposed site for such a home.

1 “(B) The officials provide to the members
2 an opportunity to consult with the officials on
3 the proposal.

4 “(3) After the establishment of a designated
5 group home in a community:

6 “(A) The officials monitor the group home
7 in order to determine whether the residents of
8 the home are in compliance with the conditions
9 upon which the permission to establish the
10 home was granted.

11 “(B) The officials provide to the members
12 of the community, including the residents of the
13 group home, opportunities to consult with the
14 officials on the effects of the group home on the
15 community.”.

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