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Summary HB 1298 PN 2775

This legislation amends the Administrative Code to require the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to develop criteria to be used in the certification of drug and alcohol recovery houses which receive funds from the department. A task force shall be convened to make recommendations on the criteria used for certification.

Certification requirements shall include procedures and policies:

1. Requiring compliance with all state and local ordinances,
2. Addressing the safety and protection of residents and the community,
3. Promoting recovery by requiring resident participation in treatment, self-help or other recovery support,
4. Ensuring that upon admission residents are informed of all house rules, residency requirements and any lease agreements,
5. Requiring abstinence from alcohol and other drugs
6. Addressing referral agreements and relapses
7. Pertaining to using and securing medication

A drug and alcohol recovery house may not receive funds from the department unless certified.

Effective Date

This act shall take effect in 90 days.

Amendment A08106

This amendment eliminates the requirements to certify drug and alcohol programs and convene a task force. Instead, it requires the department to study how other states regulate drug and alcohol recovery houses and the costs and benefits of certifying houses in the Commonwealth. The completed study shall be submitted to the House and Senate by Jan. 1, 2016. The act shall be effective immediately.