

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to certifying recovery living residences

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
2 32.05-a to read as follows:

3 § 32.05-a Certification of recovery living residences.

4 Notwithstanding section 32.05 of this article, the commissioner may  
5 authorize the certification of recovery living residences. "Recovery  
6 living residences" shall mean any residence located in New York state  
7 where the owner or operator of such residence holds the residence out to  
8 the public as a living environment for persons recovering from substance  
9 use disorder, where no formal treatment substance use disorder services  
10 are provided on-site. The department shall create a list of certified  
11 recovery residences and make such list publicly available on their  
12 website.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
14 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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