

1 AN ACT relating to the certification of sober living homes and declaring an  
2 emergency.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) For the purpose of this section, "sober living home" means any place or building*  
7 *that provides alcohol-free or drug-free housing and that:*

8 *(a) Promotes independent living and life skills development;*

9 *(b) Provides a supervised setting to a group of unrelated individuals who are*  
10 *recovering from substance use disorders or to a group of parents who are*  
11 *recovering from substance use disorders and their children;*

12 *(c) Does not provide any medical or clinical services or medication*  
13 *administration on-site, except for verification of abstinence from substance*  
14 *abuse; and*

15 *(d) May provide activities that are directed primarily toward recovery from*  
16 *substance use disorders.*

17 *(2) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall provide access to a*  
18 *certification program for sober living homes offered by an organization whose*  
19 *primary function is to improve access to and the quality of sober living homes*  
20 *through standards, education, research, and advocacy.*

21 *(3) The cabinet shall develop and make available on its Web site a directory of*  
22 *certified sober living homes. Sober living homes that are not certified shall not be*  
23 *included in the directory. The directory shall include notification that the*  
24 *certification of a sober living home does not imply that the cabinet has licensed or*  
25 *inspected the sober living home.*

26 *(4) The cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations to implement the*  
27 *requirements of this section.*

1 (5) The cabinet shall submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for  
2 referral to the appropriate committee or committees on the progress of providing  
3 access to the certification program for sober living homes and making the  
4 directory available on its Web site by December 1, 2020.

5 →Section 2. Whereas sober, safe, and healthy living environments that promote  
6 recovery from alcohol and other substance use disorders are in great need in the  
7 Commonwealth, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its  
8 passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.