

SENATE BILL 468

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1; Title 13, Chapter 24, Part 1 and Title 56, relative to sober living homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) The rate and premium for each policy of commercial general liability and property insurance must include a provision for appropriate reductions, as actuarially justified, but not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total cost of the rate or premium, for any operator of a sober living home that:

(1) Is chartered under, affiliated with, or certified by an organization described in § 6-54-145(a)(2)(B)(i) or (ii); and

(2) Meets any other criteria of the commissioner for qualification for a premium credit as established by rules promulgated under subsection (b).

(b) The commissioner may promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, for purposes of carrying out this section. The commissioner shall collaborate with the department of mental health and substance abuse services for purposes of adopting rules under this subsection (b).

(c) As used in this section, "sober living home" means any home classified as a "single family residence" under § 13-24-102 that provides alcohol-free or drug-free housing; promotes independent living, life skill development, and reintegration; and provides structured activities that are directed primarily toward a group of unrelated individuals who are recovering from drug or alcohol addiction and who may be receiving

outpatient healthcare services for substance abuse or addiction treatment while living in the home.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this act, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.