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H. R. 472

To amend the Fair Housing Act to better protect persons with disabilities
and communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ROYCE of California, and Mr. ROHR-ABACHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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with disabilities and communities.

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 “Safe Recovery and
5 Community Empowerment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ZONING AND LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL RECOV-**
2 **ERY FACILITIES.**

3 The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) is
4 amended by inserting after section 807 (42 U.S.C. 3607)
5 the following:

6 “SEC. 807A. Nothing in this title, or other Federal
7 law, relating to protections for persons with disabilities,
8 prohibits any local, State, or Federal government body
9 from—

10 “(1) requiring by law, regulation, or ordinance
11 a reasonable minimum distance between residential
12 recovery facilities within a particular area zoned for
13 residential housing, provided that the limitation—

14 “(A) is necessary to preserve the residen-
15 tial character of the zoned area; and

16 “(B) allows for some residential recovery
17 facilities to be located within the zoned area;
18 and

19 “(2) requiring that a residential recovery facil-
20 ity and its owner or operator—

21 “(A) obtain an operating license or use
22 permit; or

23 “(B) satisfy a set of consumer protection
24 standards, which may include a maximum ca-
25 pacity requirement.”.

1 **SEC. 3. RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY FACILITY RESIDENTS'**
2 **BILL OF RIGHTS.**

3 Residential recovery facilities receiving direct or indi-
4 rect payments or reimbursements or other remunerations
5 from Medicare, Medicaid, or any other Federal healthcare
6 program, or via private insurance purchased on a Federal
7 exchange or subsidized by the Federal Government, for ei-
8 ther housing, recovery services, or testing or monitoring
9 for drugs or alcohol, shall ensure the following:

10 (1) Each residential recovery facility resident
11 residing in the home or receiving addiction treat-
12 ment services be provided a safe living environment
13 completely free from illicit drugs, alcohol, firearms,
14 harassment, abuse, or harm.

15 (2) Residential recovery facility residents live in
16 a licensed, or registered residence that has com-
17 mitted to following standards approved by States
18 and localities, if such standards are in place.

19 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20 Section 802 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
21 3602) is amended by adding to the end the following:

22 “(p) ‘Current, illegal use of a controlled substance’
23 means the discrete, occasional, frequent, or ongoing illegal
24 use of a controlled substance at the present time or in
25 the reasonably recent past.

1 “(q) ‘Residential recovery facility’ means a residence
2 that provides housing to individuals in recovery from drug
3 or alcohol addiction with the promise of providing a clean
4 and sober environment in return for direct or indirect pay-
5 ment to an owner, operator, or compensated staff person,
6 including payment to a third party, a portion of which is
7 then provided to the residential recovery facility owner or
8 operator for their services.”.

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