

1 SENATE BILL NO. 94
2 INTRODUCED BY B. USHER
3 BY REQUEST OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN
6 PRACTICES FOR RECOVERY RESIDENCES; CREATING A REGISTRY OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES IN
7 MONTANA; REQUIRING CERTIFICATION FOR A RECOVERY RESIDENCE TO RECEIVE RENTAL
8 VOUCHERS AND TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS;
9 PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 46-23-1041, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE."
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12 WHEREAS, Montanans facing addiction deserve the highest quality of care and support; and
13 WHEREAS, recovery residences can provide a healthy, sober living environment that helps individuals
14 with substance use disorders achieve and maintain sobriety; and

15 WHEREAS, it is crucial that recovery residences implement best practices and sound operating
16 procedures that enable and empower residents to gain access to community support, public services, and
17 therapeutic treatments to advance their recovery and develop independence.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Definitions.** As used in this part, unless the context clearly indicates
22 otherwise, the following definitions apply:

23 (1) "Alcohol and drug prevention or treatment facility" means a recovery residence, hospital, health
24 or counseling center, or other entity providing alcohol and drug services.

25 (2) "Alcohol and drug services" includes evaluation, treatment, residential personal care,
26 habilitation, rehabilitation, counseling, or supervision of persons with substance use disorders or services to
27 persons designed to prevent substance use disorders that either receive funds from the department of public
28 health and human services or assess fees for services provided.

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NEW SECTION. **Section 8. Legislative intent for department of justice enforcement.** It is the intent of the legislature that the department of justice implement the provisions of [section 3(2)] within existing resources.

NEW SECTION. **Section 9. Effective date.** [This act] is effective October 1, 2023.

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AMEND