



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 889

February 9, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives SARGENT, BOWEN, ZEPNICK, MILROY, OHNSTAD, CONSIDINE, SPREITZER, BERCEAU, SINICKI, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, STUCK, KAHL and POPE, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH, CARPENTER, C. LARSON, VINEHOUT and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Health.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.435 (5) (em) and 46.483 of the statutes; **relating to:** sober  
2           living residences and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to encourage the development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences and to allocate moneys to create a revolving loan fund for establishing sober living residences or a network of sober living residences or to award grants for purposes specified in the bill.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
4           the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**SECTION 1**

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**20.435 Health services, department of**

(5) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

(em) Sober living residences                      GPR      B              848,000              848,000

**SECTION 2.** 20.435 (5) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (5) (em) *Sober living residences.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to support sober living residences or sober living residence networks under s. 46.483.

**SECTION 3.** 46.483 of the statutes is created to read:

**46.483 Sober living residences. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section, “sober living residence” means a residential dwelling unit or other form of group housing that is offered or advertised by a person as a residence that provides a peer-supported, alcohol-free, and drug-free living environment where no treatment services are provided on-site and that would qualify for a loan under 42 USC 300x-25.

**(2) REQUIREMENT; FUNDING SUPPORT.** The department shall encourage the development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (em), the department shall allocate moneys for any of the following purposes:

(a) Creating a revolving loan fund for establishing a sober living residence or a network of sober living residences.

(b) Awarding grants to train and supervise field workers to provide technical assistance to sober living residences.

