AN ACT to create 20.435 (5) (em) and 46.234 (9) of the statutes; relating to:

supporting recovery residences and making an appropriation.

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 recovery residences and to allocate moneys to create a grant program for establishing recovery residences or a network of recovery residences or to award grants for purposes specified in the bill. Current law defines a “recovery residence” as a home-like, residential environment that promotes healthy recovery from a substance use disorder and supports a person’s recovery from a substance use disorder through the use of peer recovery support.

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

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

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert

the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
20.435 Health services, department of

(5) Mental health and substance abuse services

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

20.435 (5) (em) Recovery residences. Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to support recovery residences or recovery residence networks under s. 46.234 (9).

Section 3. 46.234 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

46.234 (9) Requirement; grants. The department shall encourage the development, expansion, and quality control of networks of recovery residences. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (em), the department shall allocate moneys for any of the following purposes:

(a) Creating a grant program for establishing a recovery residence or a network of recovery residences.

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

(c) Awarding grants to entities that establish recovery residences or to recovery residences to support the development, expansion, and quality operation of recovery residences.

(END)