

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 1062



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by: SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE PEER-RUN RESPITE CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 17a-484h of the general statutes be amended to require 2 (1) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to 3 establish seven additional peer-run respite centers, (2) that a peer-run 4 respite center not be located on a clinical, medical or mental health 5 facility's campus, (3) that at least fifty-one per cent of a peer-run 6 organization's board be comprised of individuals who have psychiatric 7 histories or lived experience with other life-interrupting challenges, and 8 (4) that a peer-run organization not provide clinical mental health 9 services or that such services constitute less than ten per cent of the 10 services provided by the organization.

## Statement of Purpose:

To expand peer-run respite centers in the state and establish certain requirements for peer-run respite centers and peer-run organizations.