

HOUSE BILL 857

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By: **Delegates Angel, Cullison, Knotts, Miele, Morales, and Saab**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Mental Health Law – Small Private Group Home – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “small private group home” to increase the
4 maximum number of individuals who may be admitted by a small private group
5 home for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing residences in which
6 individuals who have been or are being treated for a mental disorder may be provided
7 care or treatment in a homelike environment; making a conforming change; and
8 generally relating to the regulation of small private group homes under the
9 Maryland Mental Health Law.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 10–514
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 10–514.

19 (a) In Part II of this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (b) “Large private group home” means a private group home that admits at least
21 **[9] 10** but not more than 16 individuals.

22 (c) “License” means a license issued by the Secretary to operate a private group
23 home.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(d) (1) "Private group home" means a residence in which individuals who have been or are under treatment for a mental disorder may be provided care or treatment in a homelike environment.

(2) "Private group home" does not include:

(i) Any facility that is owned by or leased to this State or any public agency;

(ii) Any facility that is regulated by the Department of Juvenile Services;

(iii) Any facility that is regulated by the Developmental Disabilities Administration;

(iv) Any facility that is organized wholly or partly to make a profit; or

(v) A foster home that is the domicile of the foster parent.

(e) "Small private group home" means a private group home that admits at least 4 but not more than **[8] 9** individuals.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.