

## Sober Housing Legislation Seeks to Help Addiction in Wisconsin

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***Agard hopes to encourage more safe, accessible, and affordable housing for individuals struggling with addiction.***

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Madison, WI - Wednesday, Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) introduced legislation to encourage and support sober housing, or recovery residences, in Wisconsin. These residences are a home-like residential environment that promotes healthy and safe recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.



“Addiction is an incredibly difficult disease. As someone who has lost a loved one to addiction, I know just how painful it can be for that individual and the ones who care about them.

“Substance abuse disorders and addiction continue to be highly stigmatized. As lawmakers, it is crucial that we approach addiction as the urgent health crisis that it is. Addiction is not uncommon in Wisconsin, and we need practical policy that will aid people who are struggling with this disease.

“We know that housing instability can be a significant barrier to those working to recover and sustain sobriety. This legislation helps to encourage more safe, accessible, and affordable

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housing so that individuals struggling with addiction may have an opportunity for a healthy recovery. I look forward to this low-cost, common sense legislation receiving bipartisan support as a way to address addiction in Wisconsin.”