

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1983 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, PICKETT, RYAN, WARD, BOYLE, ROTHMAN, BARRAR
AND KAUFER, DECEMBER 21, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, DECEMBER 21, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96,
2 No.6), entitled "An act relating to mental health and
3 intellectual disability; authorizing county programs and
4 amending, revising and changing the laws relating thereto and
5 making an appropriation," in general provisions relating to
6 facilities, admissions and commitments, providing for
7 community homes for individuals with an intellectual
8 disability.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess.,
12 P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and Intellectual
13 Disability Act of 1966, is amended by adding a section to read:

14 Section 427. Community Homes for Individuals with an
15 Intellectual Disability.--(a) A caseworker shall provide an
16 applicant who qualifies for residential services, or an
17 individual designated on behalf of the applicant, with a list of
18 community homes for individuals with an intellectual disability
19 prior to committing to admission at a community home.

20 (b) Using existing resources, the department shall publish a
21 complete list of community homes for individuals with an

1 intellectual disability in this Commonwealth on the department's
2 publicly accessible Internet website.

3 (c) As used in this section, the term "community homes for
4 individuals with an intellectual disability" shall mean a
5 building or separate dwelling unit in which residential care is
6 provided to one or more individuals with an intellectual
7 disability. For purposes of this section, an apartment unit
8 within an apartment building is considered a separate home and
9 each part of a duplex, if there is physical separation between
10 the living areas, is considered a separate home.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.