Bill Introduced to Regulate Residential Mental Health Facilities



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Assembly Bill 3959, introduced in the New Jersey Assembly on March 4, 2024, would require residential mental health facilities to be regulated. The Bill would require residential mental health facilities to provide mental health services or treatment 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at a 3.5 level of care under the America Society of Addiction Medicine. The residential mental health facilities goals would include preparing patients to transition to lower levels of care within the community and providing health services/treatment without retrospective review or concurrent view of medical necessity. Every residential mental health facility would need to be licensed by the Commissioner of Health. A residential mental facility would not be permitted to operate out of the same location as a licensed residential substance abuse use disorder treatment facility.

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