

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS – MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ADVOCATES OF  
RHODE ISLAND - OASIS WELLNESS AND RECOVERY CENTER

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Regunberg, Tanzi, Bennett, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 15, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 40.1 of the General Laws entitled "BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,  
2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS" is hereby amended by adding thereto  
3 the following chapter:

4 CHAPTER 8.6

5 MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ADVOCATES OF RHODE ISLAND - OASIS WELLNESS  
6 AND RECOVERY CENTER

7 **40.1-8.6-1. Short title.**

8 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Mental Health Consumer  
9 Advocates of Rhode Island – Oasis Wellness and Recovery Center Act".

10 **40.1-8.6-2. Purpose.**

11 To ensure that Mental Health Consumer Advocates of Rhode Island is able to continue  
12 providing evidence-based peer support, information, and education about fighting the  
13 stigmatization of mental illness, and through the Oasis Wellness and Recovery Center offer a  
14 comprehensive program of long- and short-term evidence-based peer supports ranging from  
15 employment to just a friendly, helping hand, and remain dedicated to the continuous support of  
16 persons living with serious and persistent mental illness and the well-being of its members.

17 **40.1-8.6-3. Appropriations.**

18 The general assembly shall annually appropriate the sum of two hundred and ninety-five

1 thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the Mental Health Consumer Advocates of Rhode Island and the  
2 Oasis Wellness and Recovery Center; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to  
3 draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as  
4 may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would establish a mental health consumer advocate and wellness recovery center  
2 to provide support for those suffering from mental health issues and would appropriate two-  
3 hundred ninety five thousand dollars (\$295,000) to operate the program.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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