



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2585

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Mike Murphy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 301/55-45 new

Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. Provides that no person may provide services as a certified peer recovery specialist unless he or she is certified by the Department of Human Services. Provides that an applicant for certification must: be 18 years of age or older; have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate; have a current or past mental illness, substance use, or co-occurring disorder; self-identify as a person who is in recovery from a mental illness, substance use, or co-occurring disorder as part of his or her personal recovery process; have demonstrated self-directed recovery for a minimum of 24 consecutive months; and have successfully completed any required specialized training or education. Provides that the Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement the amendatory Act.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Substance Use Disorder Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 55-45 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 301/55-45 new)

7 Sec. 55-45. Certified peer recovery specialist.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "certified peer recovery  
9 specialist" means a person who has self-identified as being in  
10 recovery from mental illness, substance abuse, or co-occurring  
11 disorders of both mental illness and substance use disorder  
12 and is certified by the Department to provide services as a  
13 certified peer recovery specialist.

14 (b) No person may provide services as a certified peer  
15 recovery specialist in this State unless he or she is  
16 certified by the Department as provided in this Section. To  
17 become certified as a certified peer recovery specialist, an  
18 applicant must meet the following requirements:

19 (1) Be 18 years of age or older.

20 (2) Have a high school diploma or a high school  
21 equivalency certificate.

22 (3) Have a current or past mental illness, substance  
23 use, or co-occurring disorder.

1           (4) Self-identify as a person who is in recovery from  
2           a mental illness, substance use, or co-occurring disorder  
3           as part of his or her personal recovery process.

4           (5) Have demonstrated self-directed recovery for a  
5           minimum of 24 consecutive months as prescribed by the  
6           Department.

7           (6) Have successfully completed any other specialized  
8           training or education requirement as required by the  
9           Department.

10          (c) The Department may adopt any rules necessary to  
11          implement this Section.