

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 8, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the display of green lights on the vehicles of mobile crisis response staff members

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 5 of subdivision 41 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 197 of the laws of 1970 and the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 349 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

2 5. Green light. a. One green light may be affixed to any motor vehicle  
3 owned by a member of a volunteer ambulance service or by a mobile crisis  
4 response staff member, or on a motor vehicle owned by a member of such  
5 person's family, or by a business enterprise in which such person has a  
6 proprietary interest or by which he is employed, provided such member  
7 has been authorized in writing to so affix a green light by the chief  
8 officer of such service as designated by the members thereof. Such green  
9 light may be displayed exclusively by such member of a volunteer ambulance  
10 service or by a mobile crisis response staff member only when  
11 engaged in an emergency operation. The use of green lights on vehicles  
12 shall be restricted for use only by a member of a volunteer ambulance  
13 service as provided for in this paragraph or for a mobile crisis  
14 response staff member providing mobile crisis response services as  
15 defined in subparagraphs c and d of this paragraph.

16 b. As used in this paragraph, volunteer ambulance service means: [~~a.~~]  
17 (i) a non-profit membership corporation (other than a fire corporation)  
18 incorporated under or subject to the provisions of the membership corporations  
19 law, or any other law, operating its ambulance or ambulances on  
20 a non-profit basis for the convenience of the members thereof and their  
21 families or of the community or under a contract with a county, city,  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 town or village pursuant to section one hundred twenty-two-b of the  
2 general municipal law; or

3 [~~b.~~] (ii) an unincorporated association of persons operating its ambu-  
4 lance or ambulances on a non-profit basis for the convenience of the  
5 members and their families or of the community.

6 c. As used in this paragraph, mobile crisis response services means  
7 services to provide an immediate and short-term emergency response to  
8 individuals who are in a state of mental, emotional, physical and behav-  
9 ioral distress in order to prevent a critical incident.

10 d. As used in this paragraph, mobile crisis response staff member  
11 means an individual who is an employee or a designated volunteer of a  
12 duly authorized mobile crisis response team or other established crisis  
13 response service.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.