

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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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 -- 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 members of mobile crisis teams

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
2 and traffic law, as added by chapter 197 of the laws of 1970, the open-
3 ing paragraph as amended by chapter 349 of the laws of 2004, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 5. Green light. One green light may be affixed to any motor vehicle
6 owned by a member of a volunteer ambulance service or by a member of a
7 mobile crisis team, or on a motor vehicle owned by a member of such
8 person's family, or by a business enterprise in which such person has a
9 proprietary interest or by which he is employed, provided such member of
10 a volunteer ambulance service has been authorized in writing to so affix
11 a green light by the chief officer of such service as designated by the
12 members thereof, or provided such member of a mobile crisis team has
13 been authorized in writing to so affix a green light by the office of
14 mental health or the office of addiction services and supports. Such
15 green light may be displayed exclusively by such member of a volunteer
16 ambulance service, or a member of a deployed mobile crisis team, only
17 when engaged in an emergency operation. The use of green lights on vehi-
18 cles shall be restricted for use only by a member of a volunteer ambu-
19 lance service or a member of a mobile crisis team as provided for in
20 this paragraph.

21 As used in this paragraph the following terms shall have the following
22 meanings: a. "volunteer ambulance service" means: [~~a.~~] i. a non-profit
23 membership corporation (other than a fire corporation) incorporated
24 under or subject to the provisions of the membership corporations law,
25 or any other law, operating its ambulance or ambulances on a non-profit

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 basis for the convenience of the members thereof and their families or
2 of the community or under a contract with a county, city, town or
3 village pursuant to section one hundred twenty-two-b of the general
4 municipal law; or

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

8 b. "mobile crisis team" shall have the same meaning as mobile crisis
9 teams as defined by paragraph eleven of subdivision (a) of section 36.03
10 of the mental hygiene law; and

11 c. office of mental health and office of addiction services and
12 supports shall mean the autonomous offices established within the
13 department of mental hygiene pursuant to section 5.01 of the mental
14 hygiene law.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.