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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring that  
mobile crisis teams include certified peer specialists with lived  
experience with emotional and behavioral crisis situations

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 11 of subdivision (a) of section 36.03 of the  
2 mental hygiene law, as added by section 2 of part EE of chapter 57 of  
3 the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4 (11) "Mobile crisis teams" means a team licensed, certified, or  
5 authorized by the office of mental health and the office of addiction  
6 services and supports to provide community-based mental health or  
7 substance use disorder interventions for individuals who are experienc-  
8 ing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis. Members of a  
9 mobile crisis team shall include at least one certified peer specialist  
10 with lived experience with emotional and behavioral crisis situations.  
11 Members of a mobile crisis team may include, but not be limited to:  
12 behavioral health professionals, certified peer specialists without  
13 lived experience with emotional and behavioral crisis situations, certi-  
14 fied recovery peer advocates, credentialed family peer advocates, and  
15 credentialed youth peer advocates.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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