STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

September 2, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Berger) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the definition of a qualified mental health professional for purposes of mobile crisis outreach teams

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of section 9.58 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 230 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Qualified mental health professional" shall mean a licensed psychologist, registered professional nurse, **licensed mental health counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist,** licensed clinical social worker or a licensed master social worker under the supervision of a physician, psychologist or licensed clinical social worker.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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