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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:

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, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 349 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

5. Green light. One green light may be affixed to any motor vehicle owned by a member of a volunteer ambulance service **or by a member of a mobile crisis team**, or on a motor vehicle owned by a member of such person's family, or by a business enterprise in which such person has a proprietary interest or by which he is employed, provided such member **of a volunteer ambulance service** has been authorized in writing to so affix a green light by the chief officer of such service as designated by the members thereof**, or provided such member of a mobile crisis team has been authorized in writing to so affix a green light by the office of mental health or the office of addiction services and supports**. Such green light may be displayed exclusively by such member of a volunteer ambulance service**, or a member of a deployed mobile crisis team,** only when engaged in an emergency operation. The use of green lights on vehicles shall be restricted for use only by a member of a volunteer ambulance service **or a member of a mobile crisis team** as provided for in this paragraph.

As used in this paragraph **the following terms shall have the following meanings: a. "**volunteer ambulance service**"** means: [~~a.~~] **i.** a non-profit membership corporation (other than a fire corporation) incorporated

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

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under or subject to the provisions of the membership corporations law, or any other law, operating its ambulance or ambulances on a non-profit basis for the convenience of the members thereof and their families or of the community or under a contract with a county, city, town or village pursuant to section one hundred twenty-two-b of the general municipal law; or

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

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

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.