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Introduced by M. of A. CRUZ -- (at request of the Office for Aging) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing an elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team program under the auspices of the New York state office for the aging

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

1 Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 225 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 225. Elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team program. 1. The
4 office is hereby authorized, subject to appropriation of funds for the
5 program, to establish an elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team
6 program consisting of teams at the regional or county level for complex
7 cases of elder abuse, including but not limited to financial exploita-
8 tion, physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect,
9 involving a victim sixty years of age or older.

10 2. Such elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary teams shall consist of
11 representation by professionals generally authorized to make decisions
12 on behalf of their agency from public, private, and voluntary agencies.
13 Represented professions may include, but are not limited to,
14 health/medical, mental health, aging, protective services, human
15 services, social work, banking/financial institutions, legal services,
16 district attorney's offices, law enforcement agencies, and forensic
17 accounting.

18 3. Teams will also consist of a coordinator who will provide case
19 consultation, triage cases, facilitate elder abuse enhanced multidisci-
20 plinary team meetings, monitor progress, and facilitate coordination and
21 cooperative action in the provision of appropriate services to an indi-
22 vidual identified as being a victim of elder abuse, as well as other
23 duties associated with the role.

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

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1 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, members
2 of an elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team may share with other
3 team members client-identifiable information concerning victims of elder
4 abuse as appropriate to facilitate team activities.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.