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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:

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

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

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

3. Teams will also consist of a coordinator who will provide case consultation, triage cases, facilitate elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team meetings, monitor progress, and facilitate coordination and cooperative action in the provision of appropriate services to an individual identified as being a victim of elder abuse, as well as other 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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4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, members of an elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team may share with other team members client-identifiable information concerning victims of elder abuse as appropriate to facilitate team activities.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.