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IN ASSEMBLY

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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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

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

§ 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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