

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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
10 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
11 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
12 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
13 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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