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IN SENATE

March 4, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to members of a mobile crisis team

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 [~~may~~] **shall** include **at least one behavioral health professional, and to the extent practicable, any combination of**, [~~but not be limited to: behavioral health professionals,~~] certified peer specialists, 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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