

Elder Abuse Prevention



S.2466 An Act Relative to the Commonwealth's Direct-Care Workforce for Elderly and Disabled Consumers

Summary

- 1 Stops anyone found to have abused an elder from working with elders, children, and persons with disabilities or mental illness.
- 2 Fixes the regulation gap that lets workers at Assisted Living Residences go unregistered when they abuse an elder.
- 3 Any person who has been suspended as a result of abusing an elder cannot advertise themselves for work as a caregiver and if a suspended person does, they will be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000.

The bill was sponsored by Senator Patricia D. Jehlen (D-Somerville)

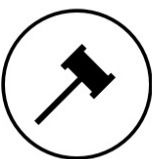


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Chair, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs



This Legislation was passed on
July 28, 2016



Passed Unanimously

STATUS



Sent to House

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RESPONSE

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“Senator Jehlen’s quick work in getting this issue in front of lawmakers deserves praise.”

— Al Norman, executive director of Mass Home Care Association.

"If a nursing assistant or other worker in an assisted living facility were to abuse a patient, there would be nothing to prevent that person from continuing to work in that industry. The bill would give the DPH the ability to put it in the record if a caregiver abuses a patient"

—Senator Patricia Jehlen



INFOGRAPHICS

The MA Senate **PASSES** The Elder Abuse Prevention Bill

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