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## Massachusetts approves abuser registry bill

The Massachusetts House unanimously passed a bill that would create a registry of caregivers who are accused of abusing a person with a disability, joining 26 states that have similar registries.

The bill creates a registry to track Massachusetts caregivers who are credibly found to have mentally, emotionally, or financially abused people with disabilities.

Accused caregivers would receive notice and be given an opportunity to appeal, and their names would only be added to the registry if the finding is upheld. After five years on the registry, individuals who are listed on the registry can petition for removal of their name if they demonstrate a preponderance of evidence that it is no longer in the public interest to prevent their work as a provider.

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