

**§ 143B-181.23. State/Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman; prohibition of retaliation.**

No person shall discriminate or retaliate in any manner against any resident or relative or guardian of a resident, any employee of a long-term care facility, or any other person because of the making of a complaint or providing of information in good faith to the State Ombudsman or Regional Ombudsman. The Department shall determine instances of discrimination or retaliation and assess a monetary penalty in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per incident. The Department shall adopt rules pertaining to this determination of discrimination or retaliation. (1989, c. 403, s. 1; 2015-220, s. 2.)