

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1531

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act granting authority over notaries public to the Secretary of State..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 222 of the General Laws, or any  
2 other general or special law, rule, regulation or executive order to the contrary, the secretary of  
3 state shall promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of notaries public and the  
4 performance of their official duties and the enforcement thereof.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 222 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
6 section 9, the following section:—

7           Section 9A. A non-attorney notary public who advertises notarial services in a language  
8 other than English shall include in the advertisement, notice, letterhead or sign the following  
9 prominently displayed in the same language, the statement — I am not an attorney and have no  
10 authority to give advice on immigration or other legal matters.