

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3592**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Judith A. Garcia***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the availability of court interpreters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Judith A. Garcia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Garcia of Chelsea, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3592) of Judith A. Garcia, James C. Arena-DeRosa and Samantha Montañó relative to the availability of court interpreters. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the availability of court interpreters.

*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 2 of chapter 221C, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by adding the following paragraph:-

3           If a qualified interpreter or a certified interpreter is not reasonably available leading to a  
4 delay in a legal proceeding, a non-English speaker may provide to the court an interpreter to  
5 assist them throughout the legal proceeding. An interpreter who is provided by the non-English  
6 speaker pursuant to this paragraph shall be approved by the judge and shall be subject to the  
7 provisions of sections 4 and 5.