

HOUSE No. 3593

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 certified translations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Judith A. Garcia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</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. 3593) of Judith A. Garcia and Samantha Montañó relative to certified translations in court proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to certified translations.

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

1 Chapter 221C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 8. Any foreign language document offered by a party in a proceeding shall be
3 accompanied by an English language translation and a certification signed by the translator that
4 shall be printed legibly or typed. Such certification shall include a statement that the translator is
5 competent to translate the document, and that the translation is true and accurate translation to
6 the best of the translator's abilities.