

HOUSE No. 3592

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)

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.