

HOUSE No. 3594

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 jurisdiction in paternity actions.

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. 3594) of Judith A. Garcia and Samantha Montañó relative to jurisdiction in paternity actions. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to jurisdiction in paternity actions.

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 39M of chapter 119 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-
- 2 (i) For the purposes of a special findings determination pursuant to subsection (b), the
- 3 following shall be considered abuse, neglect and abandonment of a child by their father: (i) the
- 4 refusal of the father to acknowledge the child's paternity; (ii) a finding that the child's
- 5 conception was a result of a sexual assault against the mother by the father; or (iii) a history of
- 6 domestic violence by the father against the mother.