

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3591**

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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 standard procedures in probate court.

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. 3591) of Judith A. Garcia, James C. Arena-DeRosa and Samantha Montañó relative to standard procedures in probate court. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to standard procedures in probate court.

*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, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by adding the following subsection:-

3 (i) Every court with jurisdiction under this section, or a court issuing similar findings of  
4 fact and rulings of law to those in subsection (b) in any other proceeding, shall follow the  
5 protocol for complaints and judgements for dependency pursuant this section as published by the  
6 chief justice of the probate and family court to ensure that there is no discrepancy in the  
7 application of this section between county court departments.