

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1605**

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By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, petition of Kevin J. Murphy and others that the Secretary of the Commonwealth be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct and duties of notaries public. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PETITION OF:

Kevin J. Murphy  
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

David M. Nangle  
Steven C. Panagiotakos

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT GRANTING AUTHORITY OVER NOTARIES PUBLIC TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

*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 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 222 of  
2 the General Laws, or any other general or special law, rule, regula-  
3 tion or executive order to the contrary, the secretary of state shall  
4 promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of notaries public  
5 and the performance of their official duties and the enforcement  
6 thereof.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 222 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 9, the following section:—

3 Section 9A. A non-attorney notary public who advertises notarial  
4 services in a language other than English shall include in the adver-  
5 tisement, notice, letterhead or sign the following prominently dis-  
6 played in the same language, the statement—

7 I am not an attorney and have no authority to give advice on  
8 immigration or other legal matters.