

SENATE No. 990

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 to update proof of age documentation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 990) of Anne M. Gobi and Michael O. Moore for legislation to update proof of age documentation. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to update proof of age documentation.

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. Section 33A of Chapter 207 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the
2 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out Section 33A and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section:-

4 Section 33A. The clerk or registrar shall not issue a certificate under section 28 before
5 receiving proof of age of the parties and verifying that both parties are not less than 18 years of
6 age. Such proof shall be contained in any of the following documents, graded and taking
7 precedence in the following order: (i) a passport issued by the United States of America; (ii) a
8 driver’s license or identification card issued by any of the states of the United States of America,
9 or, its territories, districts, or commonwealths; (iii) an original or certified copy of a record of
10 birth; (iv) an original or certified copy of a baptismal record; (v) a life insurance policy; (vi) an
11 employment certificate; (vii) a school record; (viii) an immigration record; (ix) a naturalization
12 record; or (x) a court record. The clerk or registrar shall not accept documentary evidence of a

- 13 lower grade unless the clerk or registrar is satisfied that evidence of a higher grade is not readily
- 14 procurable.