

HOUSE No. 3781

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf

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 simplify the language used by state agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3781) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to simplify the language used on the state website by executive offices and agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act to simplify the language used by state agencies.

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 4C of chapter 7D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the
3 following 4 sentences:- The chief digital officer shall improve the web services for executive
4 offices and agencies. The chief digital officer will require plain and simple language consistent
5 with the average reading comprehension level of residents of the commonwealth as determined
6 by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education for web services. The web services
7 will include information on common issues faced by the public. The chief digital officer will
8 provide analog alternatives for the web services information written in plain and simple language
9 consistent with the average reading comprehension level of residents of the commonwealth as
10 determined by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education.