

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 140**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 improve graduation requirements..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 140**

---

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 140) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. relative to high school graduation requirements. Education.

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An act to improve graduation requirements..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Part (i) of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the second sentence the following sentence:-  
  
3           Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by passing the state’ s  
4 assessment tests, i.e., the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), shall be  
5 granted a Commonwealth Diploma issued by the state Department of Education. Students who  
6 have demonstrated competency under this section by meeting the academic s tandards and  
7 curriculum frameworks enumerated in this section by satisfying the requirements of their local  
8 school committee shall be granted a Horace Mann Diploma issued by the local school  
9 committee. Students may receive either one or both diplomas. Issuance of either the  
10 Commonwealth or the Horace Mann Diploma to a student will certify that a student has met the  
11 competency determination described in this section and will entitle a student to all the rights and  
12 privileges of high school graduation.