

HOUSE No. 2976

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 relative to commercial driver licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2976) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, James K. Hawkins and José F. Tosado relative to languages used for commercial driver licensing tests. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to commercial driver licensing.

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 6 of chapter 90F of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence, in line 22, the following sentence:- “The
3 registrar shall administer the tests prescribed under this section in Portuguese and Spanish, if so
4 requested by the applicant, and in any other language the registrar deems necessary, as
5 reasonable accommodation for limited-English speaking applicants for licenses to operate
6 commercial motor vehicles. No test administered pursuant to section 6 shall be used to determine
7 any English language skills required by federal guidelines and a request by an applicant for such
8 reasonable accommodation under this section shall not exempt an applicant from the requirement
9 that the applicant demonstrate sufficient English language proficiency to converse with the
10 general public, understand highway and traffic signs, respond to official inquiries and make
11 reports and records.”.