

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 438**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Antonio F. D. Cabral***

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*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 reduce barriers to education and career opportunities.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 438) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to competency determination and high school diplomas. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to reduce barriers to education and career opportunities.

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

1 Subsection (i) of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence, in line 64, the  
3 following sentences: -

4 “Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by passing the state’s  
5 assessment tests, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, and any successors  
6 thereto, shall be granted a Commonwealth Diploma issued by the state department of education.

7 Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by meeting the academic  
8 standards and curriculum frameworks enumerated in this section by satisfying the requirements  
9 of their local school committee shall be granted a Horace Mann Diploma issued by the local  
10 school committee. Students may receive both diplomas. Issuance of either the Commonwealth  
11 Diploma or the Horace Mann Diploma will certify that a student has met the competency

- 12 determination described in this section and will entitle a student to all the rights and privileges of
- 13 high school graduation.”.