

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2669

Name: An Act expanding hoisting examination opportunities for foreign language speakers.

Sponsor(s): Representative Rita A. Mendes

Hearing Date: 15th October, 2025 at 1PM in A2

Prior History: First time file (House)

Summary:

This bill proposes to amend Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 official edition by adding new language to Section 65: introduces a significant accessibility enhancement by requiring the Division of Occupational Licensure to offer both written and practical hoisting machinery license exams in multiple languages—specifically English, Portuguese, Spanish, and any other languages the division deems appropriate. This change applies to applicants licensed under Section 53A(g), provided they meet all existing licensure criteria.

The addition ensures that non-English-speaking applicants who qualify for licensure have a fair opportunity to demonstrate competency by taking the exams in a language they understand, thereby promoting equity and inclusivity in the licensing process without altering the exam standards or core requirements for licensure.