

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 322**

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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 establish a new high school diploma.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*13th Bristol*

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 322) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to high school graduation requirements. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 348 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to establish a new high school diploma.

*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 2012  
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) and any  
5 successors thereto, shall be granted a Commonwealth Diploma issued by the state Department of  
6 Education. Students who have demonstrated competency under this section by meeting the  
7 academic standards and curriculum frameworks enumerated in this section by satisfying the  
8 requirements of their local school committee shall be granted a Horace Mann Diploma issued by  
9 the local school committee. Students may receive either one or both diplomas. Issuance of  
10 either the Commonwealth or the Horace Mann Diploma to a student will certify that a student

- 11 has met the competency determination described in this section and will entitle a student to all
- 12 the rights and privileges of high school graduation.