

HOUSE No. 348

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 passage 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. 348) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to high school graduation requirements. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 140 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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 2010
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 standards 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.