

HOUSE No. 2719

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:

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. 2719) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to language compatibility in the commercial driver licensing process. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence, in line 22, the following sentence:-

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