

HOUSE No. 553

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 reduce barriers to education and career opportunities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 553) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Steven S. Howitt relative to high school graduation competency determinations. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 2018
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.”.