

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Patricia D. Jehlen, Benjamin Swan, John A. Stefanini, Deborah D. Blumer and George Rogers for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to administer alternative language tests to applicants for commercial drivers licenses. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

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, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edi-
2 tion, is hereby amended by striking paragraph three and inserting
3 in place thereof the following:—
4 The registrar shall develop and administer, within federal
5 guidelines, alternative testing in Spanish and Portuguese, and in
6 any other language he deems necessary, as a reasonable accommo-
7 dation for limited-English speaking applicants for licenses to
8 operate commercial vehicles. The registrar shall promulgate rules
9 and regulations within federal guidelines, establishing criteria for
10 alternative testing procedures in order to provide reasonable
11 accommodation for illiterate applicants for licenses to operate
12 commercial vehicles.

