

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 572**

By Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody, petition of Joyce A. Spiliotis and others that graduates of a vocational education program shall be considered eligible for graduation. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

Joyce A. Spiliotis  
Anthony J. Verga

Theodore C. Spiliotis

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RECOGNIZING VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL LEARNING IN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 74, of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Offi-  
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended in Section 2 by inserting at the end ,  
3 the following:—  
4 Provided further the “Certificate of occupational proficiency”  
5 shall be awarded to students who successfully complete a compre-  
6 hensive vocational education and training program in a particular  
7 trade or professional skill area and who have successfully completed  
8 a vocational technical education framework tailored to the particular  
9 academic objectives of vocational educational programs. The occu-  
10 pational component of the certificate of occupational proficiency  
11 shall reflect a determination that the recipient has demonstrated mas-  
12 tery of core skills, competencies and knowledge comparable to that  
13 possessed by students of equivalent age entering the particular trade  
14 or profession from the most educationally advanced education sys-  
15 tems in the world. The academic component of the certificate of  
16 occupational proficiency shall be designed to measure the specific  
17 academic core competencies to the particular trade or professional  
18 skill area in which the student has pursued a course of study, and

19 shall take into account the additional, non-traditional academic  
20 accomplishments inherent in a vocational educational program.

21 Attainment of a certificate of occupational proficiency shall sat-  
22 isfy, as a condition for high school graduation, the requirements of a  
23 competency determination pursuant to this section. However, no stu-  
24 dent enrolled in a certified program of vocational education shall be  
25 required, as a condition of graduation from high school, to achieve a  
26 passing score on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment  
27 System Examination.