

HOUSE No. 1941

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson

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 food labeling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1941) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others that the Department of Public Health implement a food labeling program for commercially caught, landed and sold saltwater fish . Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1947 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to food labeling.

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

1 And Provided further that not withstanding any special or general law to the contrary the
2 Department of Public Health shall implement a food labeling program for commercially caught,
3 landed and sold saltwater fish including but not limited to tuna, mackerel, swordfish, grouper,
4 striped bass and bluefish. The label shall provide the consumer with information concerning the
5 safety and the risk factors of consumption of the fish based on toxin levels in the fish and their
6 hazards to human health, in particular the health of young children, women of child-bearing age
7 and pregnant women.