

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2069**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

*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:

*Thomas M. Stanley*

*Benjamin Swan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*9th Middlesex*

*11th Hampden*

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2069) of Thomas M. Stanley and Benjamin Swan relative to the labeling information for commercially caught fish. Public Health.

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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 notwithstanding 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.