

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2157**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**John W. Scibak**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act prohibiting the use of all latex gloves and products by persons who handle food.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2238 OF .]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ALL LATEX GLOVES AND PRODUCTS BY PERSONS  
WHO HANDLE FOOD..

*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 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 307B the following section:—

3 Sec 307C-- Any person engaged in wholly or in part in the production, manufacturing, processing,  
4 storing and/or offering or exposing any article of food for consumption, and whose  
5 duties and activities involve handling and contact with food at any stage  
6 during the process, shall not use natural latex rubber gloves or utensils containing natural rubber latex.

7 If the Department of Health finds, after notice and due opportunity for hearing, that  
8 any establishment, group or vendor is not in compliance with the provisions of this section, it may  
9 assess civil penalties in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), and may be subject to any  
10 and all penalties provided for in General Laws which regulate said industry, including revocation of  
11 licenses.