

SENATE No. 00391

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 Resolve:

to promote the public health of the citizens of the Commonwealth through the testing and labeling of striped bass.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 391) of Timilty for legislation to promote the public health of the citizens of the Commonwealth through the testing and labeling of striped bass [Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

RESOLVE to promote the public health of the citizens of the Commonwealth through the testing and labeling of striped bass

Resolved,

1 The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Office of Research and
2 Standards shall conduct a long-term research program on contaminants in Striped Bass.
3 Contaminants to be looked for shall include but not be limited to mercury, polychlorinated
4 biphenyls, dioxin, mirex, dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, chlordane and dieldrin. The results of
5 said research program shall be published annually and forwarded to the Massachusetts
6 Department of Public Health for the purpose of publishing warnings to the public should levels
7 of contaminants in the Striped Bass cause health concerns due to consumption of the fish by
8 pregnant women or the general population. The research program shall be conducted as to have
9 the maximum impact for the safety of the general population based around the commercial and
10 recreational Striped Bass fishing season in the Commonwealth. Should there be a finding of
11 elevated contaminants in Striped Bass by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the
12 Department shall direct the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to institute a labeling
13 and notification program for Striped Bass caught commercially and sold for human consumption
14 in fish stores, fish markets and on the dock or wharf in Massachusetts as well as other markets
15 the fish are sold into.