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:	DATE ADDED:
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	1/14/2015
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol	10/9/2019
Sheila C. Harrington	1st Middlesex	10/9/2019
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex	10/9/2019
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden	10/9/2019
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	10/9/2019
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol	10/9/2019

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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 be directed to 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)

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:

- 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.