

HOUSE No. 2157

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

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
2 amended by inserting after section 307B the following section:—

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

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