

HOUSE No. 1947

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:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1947) of Kimberly N. Ferguson, James R. Miceli and Matthew A. Beaton that the Department of Public Health be directed to implement a food labeling program for commercially caught, landed and sold saltwater fish . Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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.