

HOUSE No. 2069

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2069) of Thomas M. Stanley and Benjamin Swan relative to the labeling information for commercially caught fish. Public Health.

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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:

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.