

HOUSE No. 1227

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>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1227) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to the labeling information for commercially caught fish. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2069 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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.