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:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
9th Middlesex	1/18/2017
8th Middlesex	2/2/2017
1st Worcester	1/18/2017
4th Essex	1/30/2017
11th Worcester	1/29/2017
11th Norfolk	2/3/2017
First Plymouth and Bristol	2/1/2017
12th Norfolk	1/24/2017
5th Hampden	2/3/2017
1st Barnstable	1/26/2017
	9th Middlesex 8th Middlesex 1st Worcester 4th Essex 11th Worcester 11th Norfolk First Plymouth and Bristol 12th Norfolk 5th Hampden

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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:

- 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.