

SENATE No. 1258

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1258) of Marc R. Pacheco, James B. Eldridge, Michael D. Brady and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to food labeling of fish. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4065 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 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the department
2 of public health shall implement a food labeling program for commercially caught, landed and
3 sold saltwater fish including but not limited to tuna, mackerel, swordfish, grouper, striped bass
4 and bluefish. The label shall provide the consumer with information concerning the safety and
5 the risk factors of consumption of the fish based on toxin levels in the fish and their hazards to
6 human health, in particular the health of young children, women of child-bearing age and
7 pregnant women.