

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1877**

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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>1/16/2019</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1877) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1941 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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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           Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary the Department of Public  
2 Health shall implement a food labeling program for commercially caught, landed and sold  
3 saltwater fish including but not limited to tuna, mackerel, swordfish, grouper, striped bass and  
4 bluefish. The label shall provide the consumer with information concerning the safety and the  
5 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.