

SENATE No. 1327

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>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>4/24/2019</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1327) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to food labeling of fish. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1258 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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.