

HOUSE No. 2281

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>1/22/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2281) 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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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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.