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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2159

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:
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/12/2023*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*1/26/2023*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*1/27/2023*
Michael J. Soter	*8th Worcester*	*1/30/2023*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/30/2023*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*2/1/2023*
David K. Muradian, Jr.	*9th Worcester*	*2/6/2023*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*2/17/2023*

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By Representative Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2159) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2281* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

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:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the Department of Public Health shall implement a food labeling program for commercially caught, landed and sold saltwater fish including but not limited to tuna, mackerel, swordfish, grouper, striped bass and bluefish. The label shall provide the consumer with information concerning the safety and the risk factors of consumption of the fish based on toxin levels in the fish and their hazards to human health, in particular the health of young children, women of child-bearing age and pregnant women.