

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

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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.]

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**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:

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.