

SENATE No. 1208

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:

Marc R. Pacheco

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Bristol

Fifth Middlesex

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1208) of Marc R. Pacheco and Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to food labeling. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)
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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 general or special 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 risk
5 factors of consumption of the fish based on toxin levels in the fish and their hazards to human
6 health, in particular the health of young children, women of child-bearing age and pregnant
7 women.