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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to food labeling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard T. Moore	*Worcester and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1059) of Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to food labeling of fish. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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:

Notwithstanding any general or special 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 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.