

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 354

By Mr. Suhoski of Gardner, petition of Chester A. Suhoski for legislation to prohibit the sale of any food which has been treated with gamma radiation or other ionizing radiation. Health Care.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ANY FOOD WHICH HAS BEEN TREATED WITH GAMMA RADIATION OR OTHER IONIZING RADIATION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 186, as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, the  
3 following section: —

4 Section 186A. No person shall sell, offer for sale, deliver, or  
5 offer to deliver any article of food designed for human consump-  
6 tion, which has been intentionally subjected to irradiation by using  
7 ionizing radiation from radioactive gamma sources (cesium — 137  
8 or colbalt — 60) or X-rays to retard spoilage by killing bacteria,  
9 molds and insect larvae.

10 The commissioner of public health shall promulgate such rules  
11 and regulations necessary to implement and enforce the provisions  
12 of this section in accordance with section one hundred ninety-two.

