

By Mr. McDonough of Boston, petition of John E. McDonough and other members of the General Court 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 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
6 consumption which has been intentionally subjected to irradiation
7 by using ionizing radiation from radioactive sources or X-rays or
8 electron beams including any food which contains an ingredient
9 that has been irradiated; provided however, that this prohibition
10 shall not apply to food that contains as ingredients no more than
11 2% by weight of any of the following ingredients that have been
12 treated by irradiation: dry spices, dry herbs, or other dry aromatic
13 vegetable seasonings, or dry enzyme preparations; provided
14 further, that this prohibition shall not apply to the sale, offer for
15 sale, delivery, or offer for delivery of an irradiated food to a
16 general hospital for use as part of a medical regimen in the care
17 or treatment of persons with immune system deficiency or other
18 disease, provided the irradiated food is packaged with or
19 accompanied by a warning label that it is intended for hospital
20 use only by such persons.

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

By Mr. McDermott of Boston, (reading to John E. McDermott and other members of the General Court for legislation in regard to the sale of any food which has been treated with gamma radiation in other than the usual manner.)

The Commission of the General Court

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SALE OF ANY FOOD WHICH HAS BEEN TREATED WITH RADIATION

As amended by the Senate and House, with amendments in General Court assembled and by the Senate as of the date as follows:

1 Chapter 27A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 12A, as appearing in the first General Edition, the
3 following section:—

4 Section 12A. No person shall sell, offer for sale, deliver, or
5 offer to deliver any article of food designed for human
6 consumption which has been irradiated, subjected to irradiation
7 by using ionizing radiation from radioactive sources or X-ray or
8 electron beam irradiation, provided however, that this prohibition
9 shall not apply to food that contains no ingredients or more than
10 0.1 per cent of any of the following ingredients:—
11 (a) any vegetable, fruit, berry, or other dry product, provided
12 vegetable products in dry or semi-preserved, preserved
13 form, that the product does not apply to the sale, offer for
14 sale, delivery, or offer for delivery of an irradiated food to a
15 health-care facility for use as part of a medical regimen in the care
16 or treatment of persons with certain genetic diseases or other
17 diseases, provided the irradiated food is packaged with an
18 accompanying written label that it is intended for hospital
19 use only by such persons.

20 The commission of public health shall promulgate such rules
21 and regulations necessary to implement and enforce the provisions
22 of this section in accordance with section one hundred and thirty