

HOUSE No. 4751

By Mr. LaFontaine of Gardner, petition of Raymond M. LaFontaine and Robert B. Ambler that the Department of Public Health be directed to promulgate regulations regarding the labeling of food packages with the date of packaging. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE LABELING OF FOOD PACKAGES WITH THE DATE OF PACKAGING UNDER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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
2 inserting after section 184A the following section: —

3 *Section 184B.* Each package of food sold or offered for sale
4 within the commonwealth shall be plainly and conspicuously
5 labeled or marked with the calendar date on which the food
6 therein was so packaged. The department of public health shall
7 promulgate and enforce regulations providing for the affixing
8 of such labels or marks to all such food products. Whoever
9 violates any such regulation, or sells or offers for sale any such
10 food package which does not have such label or mark affixed
11 thereon, shall for the first offense be punished by a fine of not
12 less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, and for a subsequent
13 offence by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than
14 one hundred dollars.

