

HOUSE No. 2157

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2157) of John W. Scibak and others relative to the use of latex gloves or utensils by food handlers. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

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 bill:

An Act prohibiting the use of all latex gloves and products by persons who handle food.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2238 OF .]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ALL LATEX GLOVES AND PRODUCTS BY PERSONS
WHO HANDLE FOOD.**

*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, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 307B the following section:-

3 Sec 307C-- Any person engaged in wholly or in part in the production, manufacturing, processing,
4 storing and/or offering or exposing any article of food for consumption, and whose
5 duties and activities involve handling and contact with food at any stage
6 during the process, shall not use natural latex rubber gloves or utensils containing natural rubber latex.

7 If the Department of Health finds, after notice and due opportunity for hearing, that
8 any establishment, group or vendor is not in compliance with the provisions of this section, it may
9 assess civil penalties in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), and may be subject to any
10 and all penalties provided for in General Laws which regulate said industry, including revocation of
11 licenses.