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By Mr. Hill of Methuen, petition of Ralph H. Hill that Massachusetts banking institutions be empowered to make loans to persons and corporations whose business has been injured by governmental priorities and rationing regulations. Banks and Banking.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

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AN ACT EMPOWERING MASSACHUSETTS BANKING INSTITUTIONS TO MAKE LOANS TO PERSONS AND CORPORATIONS WHOSE BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN INJURED BY GOVERNMENTAL PRIORITIES AND RATIONING REGULATIONS.

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

1 Any Massachusetts banking institution, notwith-  
2 standing any provision of general law to the con-  
3 trary, may make loans not exceeding fifty thousand  
4 dollars to persons or corporations whose capitaliza-  
5 tion does not exceed fifty thousand dollars upon the  
6 assignment to such banking institution of notes pay-  
7 able or mortgages, where such persons or corporations  
8 have been or are likely to be forced to cease doing  
9 business by reason of governmental priorities and ra-  
10 tioning regulations. Such laws may be made for the  
11 duration of the existing state of war between the

12 United States and other nations and two years there-  
13 after. No loans so made shall exceed eighty per cent  
14 of the net worth of the business. Any person or cor-  
15 poration may file a petition in the superior court,  
16 praying that he be adjudged a person entitled to re-  
17 ceive the benefits of this act. If the court finds that  
18 such person or corporation has been or is likely to  
19 be forced to cease doing business because of govern-  
20 mental priorities or rationing regulations it shall set  
21 forth its findings in a decree to that effect. No cred-  
22 itor of such person or corporation shall for the dura-  
23 tion of the war and two years thereafter foreclose  
24 any mortgage of such person or corporation in exist-  
25 ence as of the date of such decree.