

HOUSE No. 1554

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 1, 1945.

The committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Banks (House, No. 14) as relates to payments by savings banks and co-operative banks for the expenses of memberships in certain associations and for certain services and to certain charities for public purposes (accompanied by bill, House, No. 17), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1554).

For the committee,

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYMENTS BY SAVINGS BANKS AND CO-OPERATIVE BANKS FOR THE EXPENSES OF MEMBERSHIPS IN CERTAIN ASSOCIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN SERVICES AND TO CERTAIN CHARITIES FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and sixty-eight
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out section fifty-seven, as added by section twenty-
4 eight of chapter three hundred and thirty-four of
5 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and
6 inserting the following new section:—

7 *Section 57.* Any such corporation, by vote of its
8 board of investment, may become a member of an
9 association or associations organized for the purpose
10 of protecting and promoting the interests of savings
11 banks and other banks, and may subscribe to a service
12 or services established to protect or conserve the
13 assets of banks, and may pay to such association or
14 associations or for such a service or services its pro-
15 portionate share of the expenses thereof, if in the
16 opinion of the board of investment of such corporation
17 such expenses are reasonable and necessary. Any

18 such corporation may also by like vote contribute
19 such sum or sums of money as said board may de-
20 termine to be reasonable to any general fund being
21 raised by a relief committee or agency approved by
22 the commissioner of public welfare as evidenced by a
23 writing filed in his office, and formed for the purpose
24 of raising money to be used for the betterment of
25 social and economic conditions in the community
26 where such corporation is established. No such
27 corporation shall expend in the aggregate for said
28 purposes in any one fiscal year, as determined by the
29 commissioner, more than one-half of one per cent of
30 its net income for the fiscal year, as so determined,
31 next preceding.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and seventy of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
3 section fifty-five, as appearing in chapter one hundred
4 and forty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 thirty-three, and substituting therefor the following
6 new section:—

7 *Section 55.* Any such corporation may, by a vote
8 of a majority of its directors, become a member of a
9 league or leagues or an association or associations
10 organized for the purpose of protecting and promoting
11 the interests of co-operative banks and similar institu-
12 tions, and may subscribe to a service or services
13 established to protect or conserve the assets of banks,
14 and may pay to such association or associations or
15 for such a service or services its proportionate share
16 of the expenses thereof, if in the opinion of a majority
17 of its directors, such expenses are reasonable and
18 necessary. Any such corporation may also by like
19 vote contribute such sum or sums of money as said

20 board may determine to be reasonable to any general
21 fund being raised by a relief committee or agency
22 approved by the commissioner of public welfare as
23 evidenced by a writing filed in his office, and formed
24 for the purpose of raising money to be used for the
25 betterment of social and economic conditions in the
26 community where such corporation is established.
27 No such corporation shall expend in the aggregate
28 for said purposes in any one fiscal year, as determined
29 by the commissioner, more than one-half of one per
30 cent of its net income for the fiscal year, as so de-
31 termined, next preceding.