

By Mr. Lawton of Brockton, petition of the Massachusetts Co-operative Bank League for legislation to eliminate certain approval of the Commissioner of Banks relative to banking quarters of co-operative banks. Banks and Banking.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKS WITH RESPECT TO BANKING QUARTERS OF CO-OPERATIVE BANKS.

*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 30 of Chapter 170 of the General Laws as most recently  
2 amended by Chapter 82 is hereby amended by striking out said  
3 Section 30 and inserting the following section:

4 *Section 30.* Any such corporation may invest its funds in and  
5 hold real estate suitable for the convenient transaction of its busi-  
6 ness. The aggregate amount invested in such real estate, owned by  
7 such corporation, including the cost of land and buildings, and of  
8 alterations, improvements and additions, shall not exceed, in the  
9 aggregate, its guaranty fund, surplus account and unallocated  
10 reserves or three and one half per cent of its total assets, whichever  
11 is the lesser.

12 Any such corporation may expend sums not exceeding, in the  
13 aggregate, its guaranty fund, surplus account and unallocated  
14 reserves or one per cent of its total assets, whichever is the lesser,  
15 for alterations, improvements, and additions to any premises  
16 leased by it for the convenient transaction of its business. Notwith-  
17 standing the provisions of this section, a bank may exceed the  
18 limits provided for herein when the amount so expended is for the  
19 construction of disaster facilities in said real estate.

20 In determining the aggregate amounts considered to be invested  
21 and expended under this section, from time to time there shall be  
22 deducted therefrom any sums that may be recovered through the  
23 sale or other disposal of real estate or any part thereof held under  
24 this section, together with such sums as are taken on account of  
25 depreciation, obsolescence, amortization or for other reasons, with  
26 respect to such investments in real estate and with respect to  
27 expenditures on leased premises.