## HOUSE . . . . . No. 1692

By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of the Massachusetts Consumer Finance Association relative to hearings by the Small Loans Regulatory Board. Banks and Banking.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HEARINGS BY THE SMALL LOANS REGULA-TORY BOARD.

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 5A of chapter 26 of the General Laws, as most
- 2 recently amended by chapter 804 of the acts of 1963, is
- 3 hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the
- 4 following sentences: —
- 5 The board shall hold public hearing at least once every three
- 6 years to review existing interest rates. The board may, if it
- 7 deems necessary, hold hearings at more frequent intervals, but
- 8 in no event shall hearings be held more than once in any
- 9 twelve consecutive months. For the purpose of such a hearing,
- 10 a hearing and the adjournments thereof shall be considered one 11 hearing.