HOUSE . . . . . No. 6082

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 19, 1975.

The committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2713) of the Bureau of Welfare Auditing and Peter A. Velis that said bureau be authorized to obtain certain banking records, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6082) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ANTONE S. AGUIAR, Jr.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ENABLING THE BUREAU OF WELFARE AUDITING TO OBTAIN CERTAIN BANKING RECORDS.

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

Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 30T the following section: —

Section 30U. A treasurer, or any other person having custody of the records hereinafter described, of a savings bank, national bank, trust company, co-operative bank, benefit association, insurance company, safe deposit company or credit union doing business in the commonwealth who, upon written request signed by the Director or such employees of the Bureau as he may designate, unreasonably refuses to disclose to him the records, books, documents and any other papers related to any deposit, withdrawal or other specified transaction concerning the corporation, person, firm, association or trust named in such request, shall forfeit one hundred dollars to the use of the commonwealth. Upon such request, a treasurer or any other person having custody of the records as aforesaid, shall furnish the records, books, documents and any other papers, or true copies thereof, on deposits, withdrawals, or other specified transactions during the past five (5) years concerning the corporation, person, firm, association or trust named in such request.

Such request shall only be made within the scope of an investigation by the Director under Section 30T and the disclosure by the Director, or by any employees of the Bureau, of information obtained by such request, is prohibited except for purposes directly related to the investigation. Wilfull violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars.

28 The Director or any other law enforcement officer having
29 custody of the particular papers or other form of recording on
30 which the information obtained by such request is recorded shall,
31 within sixty days after said information is no longer needed for
32 current or future use in a particular criminal or civil action,
33 initiate a request to the records conservation board to have the
34 particular record of such information destroyed in accordance
35 with the procedures of said records conservation board.