

HOUSE No. 531.

Bill accompanying the petition of G. A. Seigliano for legislation to regulate the taking of deposits by certain banks, associations and persons. Banks and Banking. January 24.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

To regulate the Taking of Deposits by Certain Banks, Associations and Persons.

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. No person, association or body
2 corporate shall in any way solicit or receive
3 deposits in the manner of a bank, unless said per-
4 son, association or body corporate shall have first
5 received from the board of commissioners of sav-
6 ings banks a certificate authorizing such person,
7 association or body corporate to conduct such a
8 banking business; and said board may require

9 such person, association or body corporate to file
10 a bond payable to the treasurer and receiver-
11 general, with sufficient surety or sureties approved
12 by the said board of commissioners of savings
13 banks, in a sum which said board of commissioners
14 of savings banks may deem necessary for the
15 purpose of indemnifying depositors against loss
16 by any defalcation or wrong-doing on the part of
17 said association, corporation or person doing
18 business as aforesaid. The board of commis-
19 sioners of savings banks may prescribe the man-
20 ner and form of keeping and auditing the books
21 and accounts of such association, corporation or
22 person, which books and accounts shall at all
23 times be open to the inspection and examination
24 of said board; said board may from time to time,
25 at its discretion, change the amount of said bond.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section one of
2 this act shall not apply to savings banks or insti-
3 tutions for savings incorporated under the laws of
4 this Commonwealth, nor to any trust company so
5 incorporated, nor to any corporation which was
6 transacting business in the manner of a bank
7 prior to the first day of January in the year nine-
8 teen hundred and four.

1 SECTION 3. No person, association or body
2 corporate doing business under the provisions of
3 this act shall advertise or set forth the fact that
4 they have filed a bond as provided for in section
5 one of this act, or set forth in any manner on any

6 of their cards, signs or other advertisement that
7 they have complied with the provisions of or are
8 doing business under authority of this act.

1 SECTION . Any person, association or corpo-
2 ration violating any of the provisions of this act
3 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one
4 hundred dollars for each day such violation shall
5 be continued.

