

EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS OF THE INFLUENCE OF “THE ACT
ON TEMPORARY MEASURES TO FACILITATE FINANCING
FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES”
ON CORPORATE FINANCING IN JAPAN

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〈SUMMARY〉

This paper is a trial to prove the influence that “The Act on Temporary Measures to Facilitate Financing for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise”(ATMF) gave to corporate financing for medium and small-sized business (MSB) using chiefly bank data. It was found that by the use of ATMF, banks may rather reduce their “Proper Loans” which have neither condition changes based on ATMF nor public credit guarantees. It is thought that “Proper Loans” represent banks’ lending corresponding to the positive capital needs of MSB based on the banks’ own information production function, so the decrease of “Proper Loans” suggests the possibility that ATMF does not improve the financial intermediation.