BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC Form 8-A12B February 02, 2011

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-A

# FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

# BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Massachusetts (State of incorporation

04-22976299 (I.R.S. Employer

or organization)

Identification No.)

**Ten Post Office Square** 

Boston, Massachusetts 02109 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Name of each exchange

Title of each class

on which each

to be so registered Warrants (expiring November 21, 2018)

class is to be registered
The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-171599

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

#### Item 1. <u>Description of Registrant s Securities to be Registere</u>d.

The title of the securities to be registered hereunder is Warrants (expiring November 21, 2018) (the Securities). A description of the Securities is set forth under the section captioned Description of the Warrants in the registrant s Prospectus, dated January 28, 2011, which relates to the registrant s registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-171599) and is hereby incorporated into this registration statement.

#### Item 2. Exhibits.

- 4.1 Warrant Agreement, dated February 1, 2011, among the registrant, Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Warrant Agent.
- 4.2 Form of Warrant (included as part of Exhibit 4.1).

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: February 2, 2011 By: /s/ David J. Kaye

Name: David J. Kaye

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

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