

**Soil Conservation District Expenses
Supplemental
Senate File 71
*As Amended by S-3036***

Last Action:

House Floor

March 16, 2005

Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to an appropriation from the environment first fund for the establishment of permanent soil and water conservation practices, by allocating moneys to support the administration of local governmental units, and providing an effective date.

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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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**SENATE FILE 71 AS AMENDED BY S-3036
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXP. SUPPLEMENTAL**

HOUSE AMENDMENT S-3036

- Removes language relating to the Farm Deer Administration Fund and the Chronic Wasting Disease Control Fee in the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.
- Removes the \$127,000 allocation from the Environment First Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for FY 2006.

BILL AS PASSED BY THE SENATE:

**FARM DEER ADMINISTRATION
FUND**

- The Farm Deer Administration Fund is created in the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for the purpose of administering the Chronic Wasting Disease Control Program. The Fund may receive appropriations, private contributions, and fees collected by the Department.
- During FY 2006, the Department will assess a Chronic Wasting Disease Control Fee from landowners that raise farm deer. Requires the Department to establish the fee in an amount that will cover the costs of administering the Fund. Provides for nonreversion of monies in the Fund.

**FY 2005 SUPPLEMENTAL
ALLOCATION**

- Allocates \$250,000 from the \$2.0 million Environment First Fund appropriation to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for FY 2005. The allocation is to reimburse District Soil and Water Commissioners for expenses incurred while performing their duties. This includes administrative, travel, training, and professional dues.
- Specifies money used to pay for county meeting dues will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Soil Conservation Division in the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

FY 2006 ALLOCATION

- Allocates \$127,000 from the \$2.0 million Environment First Fund appropriation to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for FY 2006 for the Farm Deer Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT

- For FY 2004, there was a \$2.0 million appropriation to the CRP and the carry forward balance was \$1.5 million. For FY 2005, there was a \$2.0 million appropriation to the CRP and the current balance is \$1.5 million.

INTENT LANGUAGE

- Specifies that Soil and Water Conservation Districts that receive an allocation must report a summary of expenditures, the amount of obligated or encumbered funds, and remaining fund balances to the Soil Conservation Division in the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The report is due January 1, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE

- The Bill takes effect upon enactment.