

**CHAPTER 1128****RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION  
FUND — SOIL AND WATER ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT***H.F. 2485*

**AN ACT** relating to the allocation of funds within the soil and water enhancement account of the resource enhancement and protection fund.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

c. Twenty percent shall be allocated to the soil and water enhancement account. The moneys shall be used to carry out soil and water enhancement programs including, but not limited to, reforestation, woodland protection and enhancement, wildlife habitat preservation and enhancement, protection of highly erodible soils, and clean water programs. The division of soil conservation, by rule, shall establish procedures for eligibility, application, review, and selection of projects and practices to implement the requirements of this paragraph. There is appropriated from the soil and water enhancement account to the soil conservation division the amount in that account, or so much thereof as is necessary, to carry out the programs as specified in this paragraph. Remaining funds of the soil and water ~~conservation~~ enhancement account shall be allocated to the accounts of the water protection fund authorized in section 161C.4. Annually, fifty percent of the soil and water enhancement account funds, ~~not to exceed one million dollars~~, shall be allocated to the water quality protection projects account. The balance of the funds shall be allocated to the water protection practices account. An appropriation made under this paragraph shall continue in force for two fiscal years after the fiscal year in which the appropriation was made or until completion of the project for which the appropriation was made, whichever date is earlier. All unencumbered or unobligated funds remaining at the close of the fiscal year in which the project is completed or at the close of the third fiscal year, whichever date is earlier, shall revert to the soil and water enhancement account.

Approved April 20, 2000

**CHAPTER 1129****MEDIATION OF FARM DISPUTES***H.F. 2521*

**AN ACT** relating to mandatory mediation of certain farm disputes prior to initiation of related litigation.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 654A.6, subsection 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1. a. A creditor subject to this chapter desiring to initiate a proceeding to enforce a debt against agricultural property which is real estate under chapter 654, to forfeit a contract to purchase agricultural property under chapter 656, to enforce a secured interest in agricul-