

CHAPTER 170
SOIL CONSERVATION LOAN FUND
S.F. 264

AN ACT to eliminate the net worth eligibility requirement for loans from the conservation practices revolving loan fund.

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

Section 1. Section 467A.71, subsection 1, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

1. The state soil conservation committee may establish a conservation practices revolving loan fund composed of any money appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose, and of any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the committee from the federal government or private sources for placement in that fund. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 3, the assets of the conservation practices revolving loan fund shall be used only to make loans directly to owners of land in this state ~~with a net worth not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars~~ for the purpose of establishing on that land any new permanent soil and water conservation practice which the commissioners of the soil conservation district in which the land is located have found is necessary or advisable to meet the soil loss limits established for that land. A loan shall not be made for establishing a permanent soil and water conservation practice on land that is subject to the restriction on state cost-sharing funds of section 467A.65. Revolving loan funds and public cost-sharing funds shall not be used in combination for funding a particular soil and water conservation practice. ~~The net worth of the applicant shall be provided by a financial institution of the state of Iowa.~~ Each loan made under this section shall be for a period not to exceed ten years, shall bear no interest, and shall be repayable to the conservation practices revolving loan fund in equal yearly installments due March 1 of each year the loan is in effect. The interest rate upon loans for which payment is delinquent shall accelerate immediately to the current legal usury limit. Applicants shall be eligible for no more than ten thousand dollars in loans outstanding at any time under this program. "Permanent soil and water conservation practices" has the same meaning as defined in section 467A.42 and those established under this program are subject to the requirements of section 467A.7, subsection 16. Loans made under this program shall come due for payment upon sale of the land on which those practices are established.

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