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March 31, 2005

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 71, 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.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





SENATE FILE 71

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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. 2004 Iowa Acts, chapter 1175, section 301, subsection 1, paragraph f, unnumbered paragraph 2, is amended to read as follows:

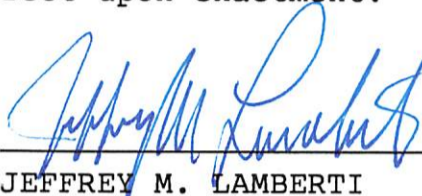
(1) Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in this ~~lettered~~ paragraph "f" may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

(2) Of the amount appropriated in this paragraph "f", \$250,000 shall be used to reimburse commissioners of soil and water conservation districts for administrative expenses, including, but not limited to, travel expenses, technical training, and professional dues.

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT -- PAYMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT MONEYS. The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall reimburse commissioners of soil and water conservation districts the amounts allocated pursuant to section 1 of this Act within ten days after the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 3. REPORTING. A soil and water conservation district receiving moneys from an allocation provided in this Act shall submit a report to the soil conservation division of the department of agriculture and land stewardship by January 1, 2006, accounting for moneys which have been expended or unexpended or which have been obligated or encumbered. The report shall state how the moneys were used.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.



JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI

President of the Senate



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 71, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

Approved MARCH 31, 2005



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