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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to agricultural management account moneys and  
2 county grants for private rural water well, testing, sealing,  
3 and closure.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (3), subparagraph subdivision (b), Code 1995, is  
3 amended by striking the subparagraph subdivision and inserting  
4 in lieu thereof the following:

5 (b) Two percent is appropriated annually to the department  
6 for the purpose of administering grants to counties and  
7 conducting oversight of county-based programs for the testing  
8 of private rural water supply wells, private rural water  
9 supply well sealing, and the proper closure of private rural  
10 abandoned wells and cisterns. Not more than thirty-five  
11 percent of the moneys is appropriated annually for grants to  
12 counties for the purpose of conducting programs of private  
13 rural water supply testing, private rural water supply well  
14 sealing, the proper closure of private rural abandoned wells  
15 and cisterns, or any combination thereof.

16 A county applying for grants under this subparagraph  
17 subdivision shall submit only one application. To be eligible  
18 for a grant, a county must have adopted standards for private  
19 water supply and private disposal facilities at least as  
20 stringent as the standards adopted by the commission. During  
21 each fiscal year, the amount granted each eligible applicant  
22 shall be the total funds available divided by the number of  
23 eligible counties applying. Upon receipt of the grant, the  
24 county may apply the funds to any one or more of the above  
25 three programs.

26 Not more than six percent of the moneys is appropriated  
27 annually to the state hygienic laboratory to assist in well  
28 testing. For purposes of this subparagraph subdivision,  
29 "cistern" means an artificial reservoir constructed  
30 underground for the purpose of storing rainwater.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill changes an allocation from the agriculture  
33 management account of the groundwater protection fund under  
34 section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for the  
35 purpose of providing grants to counties and conducting

1 oversight of county-based programs for the testing of private  
2 rural water supply wells and the proper closure of private  
3 rural abandoned wells and cisterns by allowing for moneys to  
4 be spent on private rural water supply well sealing. Current  
5 law allocates two percent of any moneys remaining in the  
6 agricultural management account after other allocations are  
7 made for administering grants to counties for private water  
8 supply wells and closure of private abandoned wells and for  
9 county oversight. Current law designates that not more than  
10 17.5 percent of the moneys may be used for private rural water  
11 supply testing and not more than 17.5 percent of the moneys  
12 may be used for properly closing abandoned rural water supply  
13 wells and cisterns. This bill does not provide for additional  
14 moneys but removes the 17.5 percent limitations and replaces  
15 them with a limitation that not more than 35 percent of the  
16 moneys be allocated for any of the purposes.

17 A county applying for a grant is required to submit only  
18 one application. To be eligible for a grant, a county must  
19 have adopted standards for private water supply and private  
20 disposal facilities at least as stringent as the standards  
21 adopted by the commission. During each fiscal year, the  
22 amount granted each eligible applicant county is the total  
23 funds available divided by the number of eligible counties  
24 applying. Upon receipt of the grant, the county may apply the  
25 funds to any one or more of the above three programs.

26 The bill does not change a current provision that not more  
27 than six percent of the moneys is appropriated annually to the  
28 state hygienic laboratory to assist in well testing.

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT MONEYS AND COUNTY GRANTS FOR PRIVATE RURAL WATER WELL, TESTING, SEALING, AND CLOSURE.

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

Section 1. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b, subparagraph (3), subparagraph subdivision (b), Code 1995, is amended by striking the subparagraph subdivision and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) Two percent is appropriated annually to the department for the purpose of administering grants to counties and conducting oversight of county-based programs for the testing of private rural water supply wells, private rural water supply well sealing, and the proper closure of private rural abandoned wells and cisterns. Not more than thirty-five percent of the moneys is appropriated annually for grants to counties for the purpose of conducting programs of private rural water supply testing, private rural water supply well sealing, the proper closure of private rural abandoned wells and cisterns, or any combination thereof.

A county applying for grants under this subparagraph subdivision shall submit only one application. To be eligible for a grant, a county must have adopted standards for private water supply and private disposal facilities at least as stringent as the standards adopted by the commission. During each fiscal year, the amount granted each eligible applicant shall be the total funds available divided by the number of eligible counties applying. Upon receipt of the grant, the county may apply the funds to any one or more of the above three programs.

Not more than six percent of the moneys is appropriated annually to the state hygienic laboratory to assist in well testing. For purposes of this subparagraph subdivision, "cistern" means an artificial reservoir constructed underground for the purpose of storing rainwater.

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 215, Seventy-sixth General Assembly.

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