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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing authority to soil and water conservation
2 district commissioners to allocate moneys for the emergency
3 restoration of permanent soil and water conservation
4 practices.

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2 the following new subsection:

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5 damaged or destroyed because of a disaster emergency as
6 provided in section 161A.75.

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 161A.75 USE OF MONEYS FOR EMERGENCY
8 REPAIRS.

9 1. The commissioners of a district may allocate moneys
10 otherwise available for voluntary financial incentive programs
11 as provided in section 161A.73 to provide for the restoration
12 of permanent soil and water conservation practices which are
13 damaged or destroyed because of a disaster emergency. In
14 providing for the restoration, the commissioners may allocate
15 moneys under this section for construction, reconstruction,
16 installation, or repair projects. For each project the
17 commissioners must determine that the allocation is necessary
18 in order to restore permanent soil and water conservation
19 practices in order to prevent erosion in excess of the
20 applicable soil loss limits caused by the disaster emergency.

21 2. In order to allocate moneys under this section, the
22 disaster emergency must have occurred in an area subject to a
23 state of disaster emergency pursuant to a proclamation made by
24 the governor as provided in section 29C.6. The commissioners
25 shall use the moneys only to the extent that moneys from other
26 sources, including any moneys provided by the state or federal
27 government in response to the disaster emergency, are not
28 adequate. The commissioners are not required to allocate the
29 moneys on a cost-share basis.

30 3. Following the disaster emergency, the commissioners
31 shall submit a report to the committee providing information
32 regarding restoration projects and moneys allocated under this
33 section for the projects.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides that the commissioners of a soil and

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3 and water conservation practices to provide for the
4 restoration of permanent soil and water conservation practices
5 which are damaged or destroyed because of a disaster
6 emergency. The bill requires that for each project the
7 commissioners must determine that allocation is necessary to
8 save a soil and water conservation practice in order to
9 prevent soil erosion in excess of soil loss limits. In order
10 to allocate the moneys, the restoration must be made after the
11 governor declares a disaster emergency affecting the
12 practices. The bill allows the commissioners to use the
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