

APPROPRIATIONS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to forestry and forest resource support and
2 making appropriations.

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

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1 Section 1. FINDINGS. The general assembly finds that due
2 to an inadequate number of department of natural resources'
3 forestry staff, an extensive backlog of requests for forester
4 assistance exists; that a substantial number of unfunded
5 timber management cost share project requests have been made;
6 that an inadequate amount of timber stand improvement has been
7 completed; that current and future woodland owners exhibit a
8 general lack of timber management education; that turnover of
9 woodland owners will significantly increase in the next twenty
10 years; that managed timberland in Iowa could produce three
11 times more volume in half the time with improved information
12 and education; and that due to the long time frame for timber
13 development, many landowners are unable to invest abundant
14 personal finances in timber development.

15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 456A.38 FORESTRY APPROPRIATIONS.

16 1. One million dollars is appropriated from the general
17 fund of the state to the department of natural resources for
18 each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1999,
19 and ending June 30, 2020, for a cost-share program to provide
20 private landowners with incentives to implement practices with
21 long-term woodland enhancement potential, including
22 reforestation, tree planting, timber stand improvement, and
23 fencing to protect woodlands from grazing.

24 2. Four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars is
25 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
26 department of natural resources for each fiscal year of the
27 fiscal period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30,
28 2020, for the salaries and support of one media professional
29 to promote, educate, and improve communication relating to
30 forestry, two foresters, and five forestry technicians within
31 the forests and forestry division of the department of natural
32 resources.

33 3. Twenty-five thousand dollars is appropriated from the
34 general fund of the state to the department of natural
35 resources for each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning

