

# House File 672 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 389)

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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of agriculture  
2 and land stewardship for purposes of providing a grant to  
3 assist farmers with disabilities and their families.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 2092HV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 259.10 FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES  
1 2 == FEDERAL REPLACEMENT FUNDS.  
1 3 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
1 4 the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
1 5 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and each subsequent fiscal  
1 6 year thereafter the amount of one hundred thirty thousand  
1 7 dollars, to be used for a grant to a national nonprofit  
1 8 organization with over eighty years of experience in assisting  
1 9 children and adults with disabilities and special needs and  
1 10 their families through services that include medical  
1 11 rehabilitation, job training and employment services, child  
1 12 care, adult day services, and camping and recreation. The  
1 13 appropriation replaces expired federal funding for a  
1 14 nationally recognized program that has been replicated in at  
1 15 least thirty other states, but which is not available through  
1 16 any other entity in this state, that provides assistance to  
1 17 farmers with disabilities in all ninety-nine counties to allow  
1 18 the farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully  
1 19 engaged in farming through provision of agricultural worksite  
1 20 and home modification consultations, peer support services,  
1 21 services to families, information and referral, and equipment  
1 22 loan services.

### EXPLANATION

1 23  
1 24 This bill creates a standing appropriation of \$130,000 from  
1 25 the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture  
1 26 and land stewardship beginning July 1, 2007, and each fiscal  
1 27 year thereafter for a grant to a nonprofit organization to  
1 28 replace expired federal funding for a nationally recognized  
1 29 program to allow farmers with disabilities to remain in their  
1 30 homes and be gainfully engaged in farming.  
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