

House Study Bill 704

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MERTZ)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the incurrence of costs to establish soil
2 and water conservation practices.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6466HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 161A.48, subsection 3, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 3. Upon receiving evidence of the submission of an
1 4 application, the commissioners shall forward to the officer or
1 5 agency to which the application was made a written request to
1 6 receive notification of the disposition of the application.
1 7 When notified of the approval of the application, the
1 8 commissioners shall issue to the same parties who received the
1 9 original administrative order, or their successors in
1 10 interest, a supplementary order, to be delivered in the same
1 11 manner as provided by sections 161A.43 to 161A.53 for delivery
1 12 of original administrative orders. The supplementary order
1 13 shall state a time, not more than six months after approval of
1 14 the application for public cost-sharing funds, by which the
1 15 work needed to comply with the original administrative order
1 16 shall actually be commenced, and a time thereafter when the
1 17 work is to be satisfactorily completed. If feasible, that
1 18 time shall be within one year after the date of the
1 19 supplementary order, but the owner of land on which a soil and
1 20 water conservation practice is being established under this
1 21 section is not required to incur a cost for the practice in
1 22 any one calendar year which exceeds ~~ten~~ twenty dollars per
1 23 acre for each acre of land belonging to that owner and located
1 24 in the county containing the land on which the required
1 25 practice is being established or in counties contiguous to
1 26 that county.

EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill amends Code section 161A.48 by increasing the
1 29 amount of cost that a person who is an owner or occupant of
1 30 land may incur during any calendar year to establish a soil
1 31 and water conservation practice under a cost-share agreement.
1 32 Currently, the person is not required to incur a cost
1 33 exceeding \$10 per acre and the bill increases that amount to
1 34 \$20 per acre.
1 35 LSB 6466HC 82
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