

HOUSE BILL No. 5040

September 20, 1989, Introduced by Rep. Bryant and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to provide for loans for purchasing and installing irrigation equipment for persons engaged in farm operations; to prescribe certain duties of the department of agriculture; to require appropriations; and to provide for the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the
2 irrigation loan act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of agriculture.

5 (b) "Farmland" means land used in the commercial production
6 of farm products.

7 (c) "Farm products" means those plants useful to humans or
8 animals as food or for decorative purposes including,
9 limited to, forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, fruits,

1 vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, trees, or other similar
2 products.

3 (d) "Irrigation" means the artificial application of water
4 to farmland for the production of farm products.

5 (e) "Irrigation equipment" means machinery used in
6 irrigation.

7 (f) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership,
8 association, or other legal entity.

9 Sec. 5. (1) The department shall provide a loan without
10 interest to be used for the purchase or installation of irriga-
11 tion equipment on a farm to a person who does all of the
12 following:

13 (a) Applies on a form provided by the department.

14 (b) Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that
15 the person is a resident of this state and is engaged in the com-
16 mercial production of farm products.

17 (c) Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that
18 the person is in need of a loan for the purchase or installation
19 of irrigation equipment.

20 (d) Demonstrates that the person is otherwise eligible under
21 rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (2).

22 (2) The department shall promulgate rules under the adminis-
23 trative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of
24 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled
25 Laws, for the purpose of establishing further eligibility stan-
26 dards for loans under this act. The department may promulgate

1 rules relating to the collateralization and monitoring of loans
2 under this act.

3 Sec. 7. (1) The legislature shall annually appropriate
4 money to the department for the purposes of this act.

5 (2) The department may accept gifts, grants, or donations
6 from any public or private source for the purposes of this act.