

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise the purpose of the agriculture mediation program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 54-13-2 be amended to read as follows:

54-13-2. The Department of Agriculture shall administer an agriculture mediation program to:

- (1) Provide assistance to borrowers and creditors who seek to use mediation as a method for resolving loan disputes; and
- (2) Provide mediation to persons or organizations seeking to mediate disputes with federal land management agencies concerning decisions made by those federal agencies.

The secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 necessary for mediation, including the establishment of fees, training requirements for mediators and ag finance counselors and their certification, mediation request forms, and any other mediation procedures as may be necessary for the prompt and expeditious mediation of agriculture related disputes, including the receipt of funds pursuant to the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987.

The agriculture mediation program may not, as a condition to mediation, require that the borrower of any creditor waive any respective legal or equitable remedies or rights.

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I certify that the attached Act  
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1037

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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State