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Overview

This bill proposes to extend the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act by changing the sunset date from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2013.

Enacted in 1986 in response to the farm credit crisis, in general the Farmer-Lender Mediation Act requires lenders to offer delinquent farmers the option of mediation before the lender may initiate collection proceedings. A farmer may decline to enter into mediation.

By law, University of Minnesota Extension appoints mediators and oversees the mediation program.