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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The Reinvest In Minnesota program, authorized by the 1986 Legislature, provides easement payments to property owners who agree to set aside parcels for soil and water conservation purposes. House File 1481 clarifies the range of landowners that are eligible to participate in the program and raises the maximum wetland restoration contribution from \$300 per acre to \$600 per acre.

### Section

- 1 **Landowner.** Amends the definition of landowner to reflect 1999 amendments to definitions in section 500.24, the corporate farm law. Instead of a detailed listing of eligible business structures it adopts the definitions by reference.
- 2 **Payments for conservation easements and establishment of cover.** The payment amount to a landowner for establishing a perennial cover on restored wetlands is raised from \$300 per acre to \$600 per acre.