

AND DEATH; IMPOVERISHMENT OF FAMILIES ATTEMPTING TO FARM ERODING AND ERODED LANDS; DAMAGE TO ROADS, HIGHWAYS, RAILWAYS, FARM BUILDINGS, AND OTHER PROPERTY FROM FLOODS AND FROM DUST STORMS; AND LOSSES IN NAVIGATION, HYDRCELECTRIC POWER, MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY, IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENTS, FARMING, AND GRAZING.

(C) THE APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE METHOD.

TO CONSERVE SCIL RESOURCES AND CONTROL AND PREVENT SOIL EROSION, IT IS NECESSARY THAT LAND-USE PRACTICES CONTRIBUTING TO SOIL WASTAGE AND SOIL EROSION BE DISCOURAGED AND DISCONTINUED, AND APPROPRIATE SOIL CONSERVING LAND-USE PRACTICES BE ADOPTED AND CARRIED OUT. AMONG THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR WIDESPREAD ADOPTION ARE THE CARRYING ON OF ENGINEERING OPERATIONS SUCH AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF TERRACES, TERRACE OUTLETS, CHECKDAMS, DIKES, PONDS, DITCHES, AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES; THE UTILIZATION OF STRIP CROPPING, LISTER FURROWING, CONTOUR CULTIVATING, AND CONTOUR FURROWING; LAND IRRIGATION; SEEDING AND PLANTING OF WASTE, SLOPING, ABANDONED, OR ERODED LANDS WITH WATER CONSERVING AND EROSION PREVENTING PLANTS, TREES, AND GRASSES; FORESTATION AND REFORESTATION; ROTATION OF CROPS; SOIL STABILIZATION WITH TREES, GRASSES, LEGUMES, AND OTHER THICK-GROWING, SOIL-HOLDING CROPS; RETARDATION OF RUNOFF BY INCREASING ABSORPTION OF RAINFALL; AND RETIREMENT FROM CULTIVATION OF STEEP, HIGHLY ERODIVE AREAS, AND AREAS BADLY GULLIED OR OTHERWISE ERODED.

(D) DECLARATION OF POLICY.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE SCIL AND SOIL RESOURCES OF THE STATE AND FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF SCIL EROSION IN ORDER TO PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES, CCNTROL FLOODS, PREVENT IMPAIRMENT OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS, ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THE NAVIGABILITY OF RIVERS AND HARBORS, PRESERVE WILDLIFE, PROTECT THE TAX BASE, PROTECT THE PUBLIC LANDS, AND PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 66C, §89 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

SUBTITLE 2. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8-201. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.