

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2017  
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department; and to amend and reenact section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the game and fish fund.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the game and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$29,854,874	\$1,642,862	\$31,497,736
Operating expenses	15,338,130	611,039	15,949,169
Capital assets	6,080,956	(163,065)	5,917,891
Grants - Game and fish	9,650,184	(1,103,019)	8,547,165
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,824,177	(164,168)	17,660,009
Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
Missouri River enforcement	283,857	4,211	288,068
Grants, gifts, and donations	802,201	(268,469)	533,732
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	(20,000)	100,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,798,119	36,743	1,834,862
Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
Shooting sports grant program	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total special funds	\$83,227,498	\$576,134	\$83,803,632
Full-time equivalent positions	163.00	0.00	163.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
Airplane purchase	\$250,000	\$0
Pipeline protest law enforcement support	423,724	0
Electronic payment processing system	<u>75,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total special funds	\$748,724	\$0

**SECTION 3. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE ITEM.** The grants, gifts, and donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$400,000 received by the game and fish department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department owned or managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**20.1-02-16.1. Game and fish fund - Use - Required balance - Budget section approval.**

All income of the state game and fish department deposited by the director with the state treasurer must be credited to the state game and fish fund and the fund may be used only by the department. All

money derived from the investment of the fund, special accounts, or portions of the fund must be credited to the game and fish department private land habitat and access improvement fund. The department shall spend moneys in the game and fish fund within the limits of legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not reduced below fifteen million dollars, unless otherwise authorized by the budget section. Investment of up to fifteen million dollars of the balance of the game and fish fund may be made under the supervision of the state investment board and the moneys must be invested by the investing authority according to the laws relating to state investments. The department shall notify the state investment board of the amount available for investment.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2017.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 46            Nays 1            Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 85            Nays 8            Absent 1

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,

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Secretary of State