

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2293**

Introduced by

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Representatives Jones, Mock, Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02, a new section to chapter  
2 20.1-03, and a new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
3 creation of the aquatic nuisance species program fund and surcharges for fishing, combination,  
4 and waterfowl licenses and requiring aquatic nuisance species fees for motorboats; to amend  
5 and reenact sections 20.1-02-16.1 and 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
6 to the investment of the state game and fish fund and aquatic nuisance species fees for  
7 motorboats; to provide a penalty; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to  
8 provide an exemption; and to provide an effective date.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
11 and enacted as follows:

12 **Aquatic nuisance species program fund.**

13 There is created in the state treasury a special fund known as the aquatic nuisance species  
14 program fund. The fund consists of transfers and deposits made in accordance with section  
15 20.1-02-16.1 and section 5 of this Act.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **20.1-02-16.1. Game and fish fund - Use - Required balance - Budget section approval.**

19 All income of the state game and fish department deposited by the director with the state  
20 treasurer must be credited to the state game and fish fund and the fund may be used only by  
21 the department. All money derived from the investment of the fund, special accounts, or  
22 portions of the fund ~~must~~may be credited to the game and fish department private land habitat  
23 and access improvement fund. The department shall spend moneys in the game and fish fund

1 within the limits of legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not  
2 reduced below fifteen million dollars, unless otherwise authorized by the budget section.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **20.1-03-12. Schedule of fees for licenses and permits.**

6 The fees collected under this section for licenses and permits must be deposited with the  
7 state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund, except aquatic nuisance species fees  
8 must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the aquatic nuisance species  
9 program fund. Forty-five dollars of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used  
10 for the private land initiative. The various license and permit fees are as follows:

- 11 1. For a resident, age sixteen and over, small game hunting license, ten dollars.
- 12 2. For a nonresident small game hunting license, one hundred dollars.
- 13 3. For a resident big game hunting license, thirty dollars, except the fee for a licensee  
14 under age sixteen is ten dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation  
15 issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
- 16 4. Except for a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a resident in a lottery  
17 for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents under subsection 4 of  
18 section 20.1-03-11, for a nonresident big game hunting license, two hundred fifty  
19 dollars, and for a nonresident bow license, two hundred fifty dollars, and a  
20 nonrefundable five dollar application fee must accompany any lottery license fee under  
21 this subsection, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to  
22 section 20.1-08-04.1. For a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a  
23 resident in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents,  
24 fifty dollars.
- 25 5. For a resident fur-bearer license, fifteen dollars.
- 26 6. For a resident fishing license, sixteen dollars, except that for a resident sixty-five years  
27 or over, a resident totally or permanently disabled, or a resident disabled veteran who  
28 has a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of  
29 veterans' affairs or has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability  
30 that brings the veteran's total disability ratio to fifty percent, the license fee is five  
31 dollars.

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- 1       7.   For a nonresident fishing license, forty-five dollars.
- 2       8.   For a resident husband and wife fishing license, twenty-two dollars.
- 3       9.   For a nonresident nongame hunting license, fifteen dollars.
- 4       10.  For a resident wild turkey permit, fifteen dollars.
- 5       11.  For an annual general game license, three dollars.
- 6       12.  For a license to a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs, or that person's agent,  
7       the amount that the nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs would pay for a  
8       nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or comparable license in that  
9       person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.
- 10      13.  For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each place  
11      of business maintained by that person within this state.
- 12      14.  For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty  
13      dollars.
- 14      15.  For an annual license to practice taxidermy, twenty-five dollars.
- 15      16.  For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the  
16      respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds, to  
17      points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this state,  
18      three dollars.
- 19      17.  For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific purposes,  
20      ten dollars.
- 21      18.  For a motorboat certificate of number and license: Each motorboat under sixteen feet  
22      [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length, powered by a motor,  
23      eighteen dollars. Each motorboat sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length and over but  
24      shorter than twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length, excluding canoes, thirty-six dollars.  
25      Each motorboat twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length or over excluding canoes, forty-five  
26      dollars.
- 27      19.  For the taking of undesirable fish from the waters of this state pursuant to section  
28      20.1-06-05, fifteen dollars for each hoop-net or trap, and fifteen dollars for each seine  
29      of fifty feet [15.24 meters] or any fraction thereof.
- 30      20.  For a resident paddlefish tag annual license, ten dollars per tag.

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- 1        21. For a nonresident paddlefish tag annual license, twenty-five dollars and fifty cents per
- 2            tag.
- 3        22. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, fifty
- 4            dollars.
- 5        23. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, fifteen dollars, except
- 6            the fee is seventy-five dollars if white suckers are sold.
- 7        24. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, seventy-five dollars.
- 8        25. For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.
- 9        26. For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.
- 10       27. For a resident frog license, three dollars.
- 11       28. For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.
- 12       29. For a shooting preserve operating permit, one hundred dollars, plus thirty cents per
- 13            acre [.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare].
- 14       30. For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred dollars.
- 15       31. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, sixty dollars.
- 16       32. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, twenty-five dollars.
- 17       33. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, forty dollars.
- 18       34. For a combination license, fifty dollars.
- 19       35. For a white-tailed deer license sold to certified guides or outfitters and provided by
- 20            them to nonresidents, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 21       36. For a resident swan license, ten dollars.
- 22       37. For a nonresident swan license, thirty dollars.
- 23       38. For a resident sandhill crane license, ten dollars.
- 24       39. For a nonresident sandhill crane license, thirty dollars.
- 25       40. For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.
- 26       41. For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.
- 27       42. For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the applicant
- 28            shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.
- 29       43. For an annual class B nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at
- 30            wholesale, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 31       44. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.

- 1       45. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, three hundred fifty dollars.
- 2       46. For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.
- 3       47. For a resident certificate fee, one dollar, and for a nonresident certificate fee, two  
4       dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or nonresident  
5       certificate fee.
- 6       48. For a nonresident short-term ten-day fishing license, thirty-five dollars.
- 7       49. For a nonresident wild turkey permit, eighty dollars.
- 8       50. For a statewide nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred fifty dollars.
- 9       51. For an annual class A nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at  
10       wholesale, five hundred dollars.
- 11       52. For a resident early Canada goose season license, five dollars.
- 12       53. For a nonresident early Canada goose season license, fifty dollars.
- 13       54. For a resident disabled veteran combined general game, habitat stamp, small game,  
14       and fur-bearer license, three dollars.
- 15       55. For each motorboat licensed in this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen  
16       dollars valid concurrent with motorboat licensure.
- 17       56. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state and not licensed in this state, an  
18       aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen dollars for the calendar year in which it is paid.

19       **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
20 and enacted as follows:

21       **Fishing, combination, and waterfowl license surcharge.**

22       The director shall establish a surcharge of two dollars on each resident fishing license and  
23 combination license except for a resident who is sixty-five years of age or older, permanently or  
24 totally disabled, or a disabled veteran as defined in subsection 6 of section 20.1-03-12. The  
25 director also shall establish a surcharge of three dollars on each nonresident fishing license and  
26 each nonresident waterfowl hunting license issued under section 20.1-03-12. The collected  
27 surcharge fees must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the aquatic nuisance  
28 species program fund.

29       **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
30 and enacted as follows:

1 **Operation of motorboat without payment of aquatic nuisance species fee prohibited -**

2 **Penalty.**

3 1. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee  
4 must be paid.

5 a. For each motorboat licensed in this state, the fee is due at the time of motorboat  
6 licensure.

7 b. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state and exempt from licensure  
8 in this state, the owner shall pay the fee and, after payment of the fee, must be  
9 issued an aquatic nuisance species sticker from the department. The sticker must  
10 be attached to the motorboat in a manner prescribed by the department so the  
11 sticker is clearly visible.

12 2. Fees collected under this section must be deposited with the state treasurer and  
13 credited to the aquatic nuisance species program fund.

14 3. A person that violates this section is guilty of a class 2 noncriminal offense.

15 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - 2017-19 BIENNIUM - TRANSFER - EXEMPTION.** There  
16 is appropriated out of any moneys in the state game and fish fund in the state treasury, not  
17 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$467,100, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to  
18 the game and fish department for the purpose of administering aquatic nuisance species  
19 education, inspection, and monitoring programs, for the period beginning with the effective date  
20 of this Act, and ending June 30, 2019. The funding provided in this section is not subject to  
21 section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending  
22 June 30, 2021. The game and fish department is authorized two full-time equivalent positions  
23 for this purpose. The game and fish department shall transfer moneys deposited in the aquatic  
24 nuisance species program fund to the state game and fish fund to repay any moneys expended  
25 from the state game and fish fund under this section.

26 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PROGRAM FUND.**

27 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the aquatic nuisance species program fund in the  
28 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as  
29 may be necessary, to the game and fish department for use in aquatic nuisance species  
30 education, inspection, and monitoring programs under chapter 20.1-17, for the biennium  
31 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

1       **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 3 of this Act becomes effective on January 1,  
2 2020.

3       **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 4 of this Act becomes effective on April 1, 2020.