

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2017**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish  
2 department; and to amend and reenact section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
3 relating to the game and fish fund.

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

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

|    | <u>Base Level</u>                 | <u>Adjustments or<br/>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |                |
|----|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| 11 |                                   |  |                      |                |
| 12 |                                   |  |                      |                |
| 13 | Salaries and wages                | \$29,854,874                           | \$1,642,862          | \$31,497,736   |
| 14 | Operating expenses                | 15,338,130                             | 611,039              | 15,949,169     |
| 15 | Capital assets                    | 6,080,956                              | (163,065)            | 5,917,891      |
| 16 | Grants - Game and fish            | 9,650,184                              | (1,103,019)          | 8,547,165      |
| 17 | Land habitat and deer depredation | 17,824,177                             | (164,168)            | 17,660,009     |
| 18 | Noxious weed control              | 725,000                                | 0                    | 725,000        |
| 19 | Missouri River enforcement        | 283,857                                | 4,211                | 288,068        |
| 20 | Grants, gifts, and donations      | 802,201                                | (268,469)            | 533,732        |
| 21 | Nongame wildlife conservation     | 120,000                                | (20,000)             | 100,000        |
| 22 | Lonetree reservoir                | 1,798,119                              | 36,743               | 1,834,862      |
| 23 | Wildlife services                 | 500,000                                | 0                    | 500,000        |
| 24 | Shooting sports grant program     | <u>250,000</u>                         | <u>0</u>             | <u>250,000</u> |

|   |                                |              |           |              |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Total special funds            | \$83,227,498 | \$576,134 | \$83,803,632 |
| 2 | Full-time equivalent positions | 163.00       | 0.00      | 163.00       |

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

|   |  |                |                |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|
| 5 | <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>      | <u>2017-19</u> | <u>2019-21</u> |
| 6 | Airplane purchase                        | \$250,000      | \$0            |
| 7 | Pipeline protest law enforcement support | 423,724        | 0              |
| 8 | Electronic payment processing system     | <u>75,000</u>  | <u>0</u>       |
| 9 | Total special funds                      | \$748,724      | \$0            |

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

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

16       **20.1-02-16.1. Game and fish fund - Use - Required balance - Budget section approval.**

17       All income of the state game and fish department deposited by the director with the state  
18 treasurer must be credited to the state game and fish fund and the fund may be used only by  
19 the department. All money derived from the investment of the fund, special accounts, or  
20 portions of the fund must be credited to the game and fish department private land habitat and  
21 access improvement fund. The department shall spend moneys in the game and fish fund within  
22 the limits of legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not reduced  
23 below fifteen million dollars, unless otherwise authorized by the budget section. Investment of  
24 up to fifteen million dollars of the balance of the game and fish fund may be made under the  
25 supervision of the state investment board and the moneys must be invested by the investing  
26 authority according to the laws relating to state investments. The department shall notify the  
27 state investment board of the amount available for investment.