

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1017**

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; to provide a report; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other special funds derived from federal funds
7 and other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses
8 of the game and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,
9 2023, as follows:

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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12	Salaries and wages	\$31,497,736	\$2,243,856	\$33,741,592
13	Operating expenses	15,949,169	327,613	16,276,782
14	Capital assets	5,917,891	1,658,379	7,576,270
15	Grants - game and fish	8,547,165	376,178	8,923,343
16	Land habitat and deer depredation	17,660,009	2,320,588	19,980,597
17	Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
18	Missouri River enforcement	288,068	8,931	296,999
19	Grants, gifts, and donations	533,732	136,401	670,133
20	Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
21	Lonetree reservoir	1,834,862	(16,453)	1,818,409
22	Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
23	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
24	Aquatic nuisance species program	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>1,509,009</u>

1	Total special funds	\$85,303,632	\$7,064,502	\$92,368,134
2	Full-time equivalent positions	165.00	(1.00)	164.00

3 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE**
4 **SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
5 items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the
6 2021-23 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

7	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
8	Additional PLOTS payments	\$0	\$1,485,000
9	Red River basin wildlife and water quality program	0	500,000
10	State radio equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>801,500</u>
11	Total special funds	\$0	\$2,786,500

12 The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget
13 for the 2023-25 biennium. The game and fish department shall report to the appropriations
14 committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the
15 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

16 **SECTION 3. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE ITEM.** The grants, gifts, and
17 donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$100,000 received by the game and
18 fish department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or
19 managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

20 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,
21 the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer up to \$2,000,000 of
22 appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and
23 fish line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the game and fish department during the
24 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The game and fish department
25 shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.