

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1097**

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Parks and Recreation Department)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the state parks gift fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 55-08-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **55-08-07.2. State parks gift fund - Fund use - Continuing appropriation - Emergency**  
7 **commission and budget section approval.**

8 There is established in the state treasury a special fund designated as the state parks gift  
9 fund. The director may seek and accept any gift, private grant, trust, bequest of money, or  
10 donation of funds to the gift fund for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the parks and  
11 recreation department. All donations to the parks and recreation department in the form of gifts,  
12 private grants, trusts, ~~and~~ bequests of money that would cause the department to exceed its  
13 ~~appropriated spending authority,~~ or donation of funds, and any interest accruing thereon, must  
14 be placed in the state parks gift fund and is ~~hereby~~ appropriated to the department on a  
15 continuing basis. The fund may be used and disbursed by the parks and recreation department,  
16 ~~with the approval of the state emergency commission,~~ in accordance with the terms of the  
17 donation as determined by the director, except any expenditure in excess of fifty thousand  
18 dollars from funds the donor has not designated or conditioned the use of for a specific purpose  
19 is subject to approval by the emergency commission and the legislative assembly or the budget  
20 section if the legislative assembly is not in session. Any request considered by the budget  
21 section must comply with section 54-35-02.9. The department shall notify the office of  
22 management and budget biennially regarding the current amount of moneys in the fund and any  
23 expenditures from the fund in the past biennium.