

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to make an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state game and
2 fish department.

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
5 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish
6 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from
7 federal funds and other income, to the state game and fish department for the purpose of
8 defraying the expenses of the various divisions of the department, for the biennium beginning
9 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

10 Salaries and wages	\$12,333,733
11 Operating expenses	7,779,014
12 Equipment	771,505
13 Capital improvements	1,602,122
14 Grants	3,397,050
15 Noxious weed control	200,000
16 Land habitat and deer depredation	2,703,973
17 Grants, gifts, and donations	100,000
18 Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
19 Waterbank program	200,000
20 Lonetree reservoir	<u>1,317,969</u>
21 Total special funds appropriation	\$30,525,366

22 **SECTION 2. LAND HABITAT AND DEER DEPREDATION.** The amount of
23 \$2,500,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled land habitat
24 and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act, is from the habitat and depredation fund, to lease

1 privately owned lands for wildlife habitat to reestablish wildlife population, to improve wildlife
2 habitat on private lands, and to alleviate big game and furbearer depredation for the biennium
3 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. These funds may be spent only for the
4 purposes and using the guidelines contained in sections 20.1-03-12.1 and 20.1-02-05.

5 **SECTION 3. NONGAME WILDLIFE.** The amount of \$60,000, or such lesser amount
6 as may be available, for the line item entitled nongame wildlife in section 1 of this Act, is from
7 the nongame wildlife fund for the purpose of preservation, inventory, perpetuation, and
8 conservation of nongame wildlife, natural areas, and nature preserves in this state for the
9 biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

10 **SECTION 4. WATERBANK PROGRAM.** The amount of \$200,000, or such lesser
11 amount as may be available, for the line item entitled waterbank program in section 1 of this
12 Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and must be used to increase water
13 storage and enhance wildlife habitat in North Dakota. Priority must be given to contracts to
14 increase upper basin storage and enhance wildlife habitat in the Devils Lake basin. Contracts
15 and agreements relating to the waterbank program may be entered into by the director of the
16 game and fish department, in cooperation with the commissioner of agriculture.