

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish
2 department; and to declare an emergency.

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 appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in
6 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal
7 funds and other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005,
9 as follows:

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| 10 | Salaries and wages | \$15,282,264 |
| 11 | Operating expenses | 9,416,219 |
| 12 | Capital assets | 2,259,944 |
| 13 | Grants | 3,602,050 |
| 14 | Land habitat and deer depredation | 6,886,245 |
| 15 | Noxious weed control | 300,000 |
| 16 | Grants, gifts, and donations | 150,000 |
| 17 | Nongame wildlife conservation | 120,000 |
| 18 | Lonetree reservoir | 1,342,951 |
| 19 | Wildlife services | <u>400,000</u> |
| 20 | Total special funds appropriation | \$39,759,673 |

21 **SECTION 2. PRIVATE LAND HABITAT AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT.** The sum of
22 \$3,873,386, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the land habitat and deer
23 depredation line item in section 1 of this Act, is from the private land habitat and access
24 improvement fund and shall be used by the game and fish department for the private land

1 habitat and access improvement program, as provided in section 20.1-02-05, for the biennium
2 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.

3 **SECTION 3. NONGAME WILDLIFE.** The sum of \$41,874, or so much of the sum as
4 may be necessary, included in the nongame wildlife line item in section 1 of this Act, is from the
5 nongame wildlife fund and shall be used by the game and fish department for the purposes
6 provided in section 20.1-02-16.2, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30,
7 2005.

8 **SECTION 4. WILDLIFE SERVICES - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER.** The sum of
9 \$400,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the wildlife services line
10 item in section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and must be
11 provided to the agriculture commissioner to pay for services provided by the United States
12 department of agriculture wildlife services agency to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage
13 in North Dakota. Projects, contracts, and agreements relating to the expenditure of these
14 moneys must be approved by the director of the game and fish department.

15 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** The capital assets line item in section 1 of this Act is
16 declared to be an emergency measure.