

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2017**

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; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a report to the  
3 legislative council; to provide for a study; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. BASE LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION.** The amounts identified in this  
6 section represent the base level funding component appropriated to the game and fish  
7 department in section 3 of this Act as follows:

8 Salaries and wages	\$16,933,000
9 Operating expenses	9,736,435
10 Capital assets	2,961,116
11 Grants	6,164,122
12 Land habitat and deer depredation	11,227,979
13 Noxious weed control	350,000
14 Grants, gifts, and donations	700,000
15 Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
16 Lonetree reservoir	1,528,407
17 Wildlife services	680,000
18 Ramp improvements and marina development	<u>800,000</u>
19 Total special funds - Base level	\$51,201,059

20 **SECTION 2. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS INFORMATION.** The  
21 amounts identified in this section represent the funding adjustments or enhancements to the  
22 base funding level for the game and fish department which are included in the appropriation in  
23 section 3 of this Act as follows:

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1	Salaries and wages	\$2,100,535
2	Operating expenses	1,953,652
3	Capital assets	323,125
4	Grants	488,062
5	Land habitat and deer depredation	2,058,372
6	Noxious weed control	100,000
7	Grants, gifts, and donations	(200,000)
8	Lonetree reservoir	66,306
9	Recruitment and retention study	30,000
10	Ramp improvements and marina development	<u>240,000</u>
11	Total special funds - Adjustments/enhancements	\$7,160,052

12           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
13 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in  
14 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
15 funds and other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the  
16 expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009,  
17 as follows:

18	Salaries and wages	\$19,033,535
19	Operating expenses	11,690,087
20	Capital assets	3,284,241
21	Grants	6,652,184
22	Land habitat and deer depredation	13,286,351
23	Noxious weed control	450,000
24	Grants, gifts, and donations	500,000
25	Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
26	Lonetree reservoir	1,594,713
27	Wildlife services	680,000
28	Recruitment and retention study	30,000
29	Ramp improvements and marina development	<u>1,040,000</u>
30	Total special funds appropriation	\$58,361,111

1           **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - WILDLIFE SERVICES - AGRICULTURE**

2   **COMMISSIONER.** There is appropriated from special funds the sum of \$130,000, or so much  
3 of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department to be provided to the  
4 agriculture commissioner for the payment of wildlife services for the period beginning with the  
5 effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2007.

6           **SECTION 5. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - GRANTS.** The grants line item in  
7 section 3 of this Act includes \$109,750 for a grant to the parks and recreation department for  
8 boat ramp improvements at Fort Stevenson state park. The \$109,750 may be spent only if the  
9 corps of engineers does not begin construction of a marina at Fort Stevenson state park by  
10 March 31, 2008.

11          **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the sixtieth legislative assembly  
12 that \$100,000 contained in the grants line item in section 3 of this Act be used to carry out a  
13 grant program to encourage hunting by youth. The director of the game and fish department  
14 may provide grants under this program to local communities to fund shooting ranges and other  
15 related activities to encourage hunting by youth. It is the intent of the sixtieth legislative  
16 assembly that \$1,000,000 contained in the land habitat and deer depredation line item in  
17 section 3 of this Act be used by the department to develop a private land open to sportsmen  
18 program for youth under age eighteen.

19          **SECTION 7. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY RECRUITMENT AND**  
20 **RETENTION OF HUNTERS IN NORTH DAKOTA - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

21 The game and fish department shall study the recruitment and retention of hunters in North  
22 Dakota. The study must include identification of programs to recruit and retain hunters in this  
23 state. The department shall report its findings to the legislative council before September 1,  
24 2008.

25          **SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.** The \$1,040,000 included in the ramp improvements and  
26 marina development line item included in section 3 of this Act and the appropriation provided in  
27 section 4 of this Act are declared to be emergency measures.