

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-17.8-03 and subsection 1 of
2 section 54-17.8-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to outdoor heritage fund
3 purposes and membership.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-17.8-03 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 1. The commission shall use the fund to provide grants to state agencies, tribal
8 governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations, ~~with higher priority~~
9 ~~given to enhance conservation practices in this state by~~ for the following purposes:
- 10 a. Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects
11 that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;
 - 12 b. Improving, maintaining, and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity,
13 animal systems, and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance
14 farming and ranching;
 - 15 c. Developing, enhancing, conserving, and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on
16 private and public lands; and
 - 17 d. Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the
18 establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-17.8-06 of the North Dakota
20 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 21 1. There is created a North Dakota outdoor heritage advisory board consisting of twelve
22 members. The governor shall appoint representatives from each of the groups listed in
23 this section based upon recommendations made by the appropriate group, and ensure
24 a geographic balance of members is maintained. The advisory board consists of:

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- 1 a. Four members from the agriculture community. The governor shall appoint one
- 2 member from the North Dakota farm bureau, North Dakota farmers union, the
- 3 North Dakota stockmen's association, and the North Dakota grain growers
- 4 association.
- 5 b. Two members from the energy industry. The governor shall appoint one member
- 6 from the North Dakota petroleum council and one member from the lignite energy
- 7 council.
- 8 c. Four members from the conservation community. The governor shall appoint the
- 9 members from the conservation community at large of statewide conservation
- 10 groups.
- 11 d. One member from the business community from the greater North Dakota
- 12 chamber.
- 13 e. One member from the North Dakota recreation and park association.