

Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2017

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish  
2 department; to provide a contingent appropriation; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an  
3 exemption.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state  
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
8 other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
9 game and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025,  
10 as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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13	Salaries and wages	\$33,741,592	\$4,686,592	\$38,428,184
14	Operating expenses	16,276,782	1,543,716	17,820,498
15	Capital assets	6,774,770	1,773,891	8,548,661
16	Grants - game and fish	8,923,343	1,166,633	10,089,976
17	Land habitat and deer depredation	17,995,597	8,926,706	26,922,303
18	Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
19	Missouri River enforcement	296,999	20,588	317,587
20	Grants, gifts, and donations	670,133	14,824	684,957
21	Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
22	Lonetree reservoir	1,818,409	367,205	2,185,614
23	Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
24	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000

1	Aquatic nuisance species program	<u>1,509,009</u>	<u>1,450,655</u>	<u>2,959,664</u>
2	Total special funds	\$89,581,634	\$19,950,810	\$109,532,444
3	Full-time equivalent positions	164.00	6.00	170.00

4       **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE**  
5 **SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
6 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the  
7 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

8	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
9	Additional PLOTS payments	\$1,485,000	\$0
10	Red River basin wildlife and water quality program	500,000	0
11	State radio equipment	801,500	0
12	Aquatic nuisance species laboratory and storage facility	0	850,000
13	In-car video system and body cameras	0	550,000
14	Fisheries pond liners	0	1,000,000
15	Devils Lake bunkhouse improvements	0	350,000
16	Fisheries dam repairs	0	380,000
17	Wash stations and other equipment	0	205,000
18	Uniforms and supplies for new FTE positions	<u>0</u>	<u>89,090</u>
19	Total special funds	\$2,786,500	\$3,424,090

20       The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget  
21 for the 2025-27 biennium. The game and fish department shall report to the appropriations  
22 committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the  
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

24       **SECTION 3. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE ITEM.** The grants, gifts, and  
25 donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$100,000 received by the game and  
26 fish department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or  
27 managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

28       **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**  
29 **POSITIONS - RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT.** Subject to the provisions of this  
30 section, there is appropriated from federal funds, the sum of \$27,150,000, or so much of the  
31 sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of administering

1 programs approved under the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act, for the biennium  
2 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The department is authorized seven full-time  
3 equivalent positions for this purpose. The funding and positions authorized in this section are  
4 available only upon passage of the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

5 **SECTION 5. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,  
6 the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer up to \$2,000,000 of  
7 appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and  
8 fish line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the game and fish department during the  
9 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The game and fish department  
10 shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.