

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, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

10 Salaries and wages	\$11,292,661
11 Operating expenses	7,302,181
12 Equipment	638,150
13 Capital improvements	898,122
14 Grants	2,548,400
15 Noxious weed control	200,000
16 Land habitat and deer depredation	1,200,000
17 Wildlife habitat	650,000
18 Small and big game restoration trust	400,000
19 Grants, gifts, and donations	100,000
20 Nongame wildlife	120,000
21 Lonetree reservoir	<u>966,654</u>
22 Total special funds appropriation	\$26,316,168

23 **SECTION 2. HABITAT RESTORATION.** The amount of \$650,000, or such lesser  
24 amount as may be available, for the line item entitled wildlife habitat in section 1 of this Act, is

1 from the habitat restoration stamp program fund, to lease privately owned lands for wildlife  
2 habitat to reestablish wildlife population for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending  
3 June 30, 1999. These funds may be spent only for the purposes and using guidelines  
4 contained in section 20.1-03-12.1.

5 **SECTION 3. LAND HABITAT AND DEER DEPREDATION.** The amount of  
6 \$1,000,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled land habitat  
7 and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act, is from the private land habitat improvement fund  
8 to improve wildlife habitat on private land and alleviate depredation as provided in section  
9 20.1-02-05 for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

10 **SECTION 4. NONGAME WILDLIFE.** The amount of \$45,000, or such lesser amount  
11 as may be available, for the line item entitled nongame wildlife in section 1 of this Act, is from  
12 the nongame wildlife fund for the purpose of preservation, inventory, perpetuation, and  
13 conservation of nongame wildlife, natural areas, and nature preserves in this state for the  
14 biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

15 **SECTION 5. SMALL AND BIG GAME RESTORATION FUND.** The amount of  
16 \$400,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled small and big  
17 game restoration trust in section 1 of this Act, is from the small and big game restoration trust  
18 fund to improve wildlife habitat on private land for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and  
19 ending June 30, 1999.