

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2019

Page 1, line 2, after "department" insert "; and to amend and reenact section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the minimum balance of the game and fish fund"

Page 1, line 16, replace "2,703,224" with "2,903,224"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

"Wildlife services 100,000"

Page 1, line 21, replace "30,406,036" with "30,706,036"

Page 2, line 13, remove "Priority must be given to contracts to"

Page 2, line 14, remove "increase upper basin storage and enhance wildlife habitat in the Devils Lake basin."

Page 2, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 5. WILDLIFE SERVICES. The amount of \$100,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled wildlife services in section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish fund and must be used to provide grants to the wildlife services agency for projects to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage. Projects funded may include projects to alleviate waterfowl depredation and damage and must be approved by the director of the game and fish department.

SECTION 6. PUBLIC ACCESS TO FLOODED AGRICULTURAL LAND - PAYMENTS TO LANDOWNERS. The amount of \$200,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled land habitat and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act is from the game and fish fund and must be used for providing payments to landowners with flooded agricultural land, as provided in this section. Payments shall be at the rate of two dollars per year per acre of flooded agricultural land which is taxable as agricultural land and is not normally inundated by water. Payments may be made on a one-time basis for a period not to exceed five years. The conditions under which land qualifies for payments under this section shall be determined by the director of the game and fish department and shall include public access to the flooded agricultural land.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-02-16.1. ~~Use of game~~ Game and fish fund - Use - Required balance - Budget section approval. All income of the state game and fish department; deposited by the director with the state treasurer must be credited to the state game and fish fund and the fund may be used only by the department. All money derived from the investment of the fund or portions thereof of the fund must be credited to the game and fish department private land habitat and access improvement fund. The department shall spend moneys in the game and fish fund within the limits of legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not reduced below ten million dollars, unless otherwise authorized by the budget section."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 720 - GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

HOUSE - This amendment make the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$12,333,733	\$12,218,261		\$12,218,261
Operating expenses	7,779,014	7,779,014		7,779,014
Equipment	771,505	771,505		771,505
Capital improvements	1,602,122	1,602,122		1,602,122
Grants	3,397,050	3,397,050		3,397,050
Noxious weed control	200,000	200,000		200,000
Land habitat and deer depredation	2,703,973	2,703,224	\$200,000	2,903,224
Grants, gifts, and donations	100,000	100,000		100,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	120,000		120,000
Waterbank program	200,000	200,000		200,000
Wildlife services			100,000	100,000
Lonetree Reservoir	<u>1,317,969</u>	<u>1,314,860</u>		<u>1,314,860</u>
Total all funds	\$30,525,366	\$30,406,036	\$300,000	\$30,706,036
Less special funds	<u>30,525,366</u>	<u>30,406,036</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>30,706,036</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	131.00	131.00	0.00	131.00

Detail of House changes to the Senate version:

	ADD FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE SERVICES GRANTS	ADD FUNDING FOR PAYMENTS FOR FLOODED AGRICULTURAL LAND	TOTAL HOUSE CHANGES
Salaries and wages			
Operating expenses			
Equipment			
Capital improvements			
Grants			
Noxious weed control			
Land habitat and deer depredation		\$200,000	\$200,000
Grants, gifts, and donations			
Nongame wildlife conservation			
Waterbank program			
Wildlife services	\$100,000		100,000
Lonetree Reservoir			
Total all funds	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
Less special funds	<u>100,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

House changes narrative:

This amendment makes the following changes:

Adds \$100,000 from the game and fish fund for grants to wildlife services for projects to alleviate waterfowl and other wildlife depredation and damage, as provided in Section 5 of the bill. In addition, the executive budget includes \$80,000 from the private land habitat and access improvement fund (land habitat and deer depredation line item) for grants to wildlife services, which in the House version will be used for private land habitat and access improvement initiatives determined by the department.

Adds \$200,000 from the game and fish fund for payments to landowners with flooded agricultural land, as provided in Section 6 of the bill.

Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 20.1-02-16.1 to provide that the balance of the game and fish fund must be at least \$10 million.

Removes the requirement in Section 4 of the bill that priority be given to waterbank contracts in the Devils Lake Basin.