

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments**Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1021**

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	7,262,014
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	1,700,000
17 Wildlife habitat	1,050,000
18 Small and big game restoration trust	400,000
19 Grants, gifts, and donations	100,000
20 Nongame wildlife	120,000
21 Waterbank program	500,000
22 Lonetree reservoir	<u>966,654</u>
23 Total special funds appropriation	\$27,676,001

1           **SECTION 2. HABITAT RESTORATION.** The amount of \$1,050,000, or such lesser  
2 amount as may be available, for the line item entitled wildlife habitat in section 1 of this Act, is  
3 from the habitat restoration stamp program fund, to lease privately owned lands for wildlife  
4 habitat to reestablish wildlife population for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending  
5 June 30, 1999. These funds may be spent only for the purposes and using guidelines  
6 contained in section 20.1-03-12.1.

7           **SECTION 3. LAND HABITAT AND DEER DEPREDATION.** The amount of  
8 \$1,000,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled land habitat  
9 and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act, is from the private land habitat improvement fund  
10 to improve wildlife habitat on private land and alleviate depredation as provided in section  
11 20.1-02-05 for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

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

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

22           **SECTION 6. WATERBANK PROGRAM.** The amount of \$500,000, or such lesser  
23 amount as may be available, for the line item entitled waterbank program in section 1 of this  
24 Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and shall be used to increase water  
25 storage and enhance wildlife habitat in North Dakota. Priority shall be given to contracts to  
26 increase upper basin storage and enhance wildlife habitat in the Devils Lake basin. Contracts  
27 and agreements relating to the waterbank program may be entered into by the director of the  
28 game and fish department, in cooperation with the commissioner of agriculture.