

15.0395.01000

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1197**

Introduced by

Representatives Hofstad, D. Anderson, Damschen, D. Johnson, Porter, Seibel

Senators Klein, Luick, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a prohibition on the purchase of conservation easements with  
2 public funds.

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

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 **Prohibition on the purchase of conservation easements with public funds.**

6 A governmental entity may not provide funds through grant, contract, or other agreement to  
7 a nongovernmental entity that is a nonprofit organization for the purchase of any interest in real  
8 property for wildlife or conservation purposes, including a wildlife or wetland easement. In  
9 addition, the recipient of these funds is subject to civil action by any person for the return of any  
10 public funds used by the recipient for any of the same purposes.