

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~~real property and
2 | easements for wildlife or conservation purposes with public funds.

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

4 | **SECTION 1.**

5 | **Prohibition on the purchase of ~~conservation~~ certain real property and easements with**
6 | **public funds.**

7 | A governmental entity may not provide funds through grant, contract, or other agreement to
8 | a nongovernmental entity that is a nonprofit organization for the ~~purchase~~ purpose of holding
9 | any interest in real property or an easement longer than thirty years for wildlife or conservation
10 | purposes, ~~including a wildlife or wetland easement.~~ This section does not apply to a state
11 | governmental entity in a partnership with a nongovernmental entity, if the state governmental
12 | entity derives a benefit from the partnership. In addition, the recipient of these funds is subject
13 | to civil action by any person for the return of any public funds used by the recipient for any of
14 | the same purposes.