

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2017**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish
2 department; to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code, relating to a gubernatorial proclamation concerning the hunting of elk; to provide for a
4 legislative management study; and to provide an expiration date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
9 other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
10 game and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017,
11 as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	Adjustments or <u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
14 Salaries and wages	\$25,899,606	\$3,571,290	\$29,470,896
15 Operating expenses	12,956,728	638,535	13,595,263
16 Capital assets	3,885,061	1,212,935	5,097,996
17 Grants	7,122,500	211,912	7,334,412
18 Land habitat and deer depredation	12,707,403	4,215,278	16,922,681
19 Noxious weed control	650,000	50,000	700,000
20 Missouri River enforcement	275,939	6,601	282,540
21 Grants, gifts, and donations	800,000	27,519	827,519
22 Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	0	120,000
23 Lonetree reservoir	1,935,636	(112,631)	1,823,005
24 Wildlife services	384,400	0	384,400

1	Accrued leave payments	816,366	(816,366)	0
2	Total special funds	\$67,553,639	\$9,005,073	\$76,558,712
3	Full-time equivalent positions	158.00	3.00	161.00

4 **SECTION 2. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE.** The grants, gifts, and donations
5 line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$400,000 received by the game and fish
6 department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department owned or managed
7 properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

8 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
9 and enacted as follows:

10 **Governor's proclamation concerning the hunting of elk - Annie's house at Bottineau**
11 **winter park raffle.**

12 The governor may by proclamation provide for a season to hunt elk in a manner, number,
13 places, and times as the governor prescribes. Licenses to hunt elk must be issued by lottery,
14 except as provided under subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11, with only residents eligible to
15 apply; however, the governor may by proclamation make available to Annie's house at
16 Bottineau winter park a license to hunt elk in a manner, places, and times as the governor
17 prescribes. Annie's house at Bottineau winter park shall hold a raffle under rules adopted by the
18 director with residents and nonresidents eligible to participate. No more than ten percent of the
19 gross proceeds of the raffle may be used to promote the raffle and all remaining net proceeds
20 must be used to support the operations of Annie's house at Bottineau winter park. Annie's
21 house at Bottineau winter park shall submit reports concerning the raffle as the director
22 requires. An individual who has been convicted of illegally taking a moose, elk, or bighorn sheep
23 is not eligible to receive a license under this section.

24 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - GAME AND FISH LICENSES.**

25 During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying game and fish
26 department licenses provided to entities for the purpose of fundraising. The study must include
27 a review of the present law in this and other states and the feasibility and desirability of allowing
28 the game and fish department to issue these licenses using procedures and within limits
29 established by the legislative assembly. The legislative management shall report its findings and
30 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
31 the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

- 1 **SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 3 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2017,
- 2 and after that date is ineffective.