

SENATE BILL NO. 2017

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish
2 department; to provide a contingent appropriation; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an
3 exemption.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
8 other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
9 game and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025,
10 as follows:

	<u>Governor's</u>			
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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13	Salaries and wages	\$33,741,592	\$39,451,831	\$33,741,592
14	Operating expenses	16,276,782	17,938,837	16,276,782
15	Capital assets	6,774,770	8,566,661	6,774,770
16	Grants—game and fish	8,923,343	10,089,976	8,923,343
17	Land habitat and deer depredation	17,995,597	26,957,955	17,995,597
18	Noxious weed control	725,000	725,000	725,000
19	Missouri River enforcement	296,999	319,269	296,999
20	Grants, gifts, and donations	670,133	688,045	670,133
21	Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	100,000	100,000
22	Lonetree reservoir	1,818,409	2,198,414	1,818,409
23	Wildlife services	500,000	500,000	500,000
24	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	250,000	250,000

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1	Aquatic nuisance species program	1,509,009	2,968,613	1,509,009
2	Total special funds	\$89,581,634	\$110,754,601	\$89,581,634
3	Full-time equivalent positions	164.00	172.00	164.00
4		<u>Adjustments or</u>		
5		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
6	Salaries and wages	\$33,741,592	\$4,686,592	\$38,428,184
7	Operating expenses	16,276,782	1,543,716	17,820,498
8	Capital assets	6,774,770	1,773,891	8,548,661
9	Grants - game and fish	8,923,343	1,166,633	10,089,976
10	Land habitat and deer depredation	17,995,597	8,926,706	26,922,303
11	Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
12	Missouri River enforcement	296,999	20,588	317,587
13	Grants, gifts, and donations	670,133	14,824	684,957
14	Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
15	Lonetree reservoir	1,818,409	367,205	2,185,614
16	Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
17	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
18	Aquatic nuisance species program	1,509,009	1,450,655	2,959,664
19	Total special funds	\$89,581,634	\$19,950,810	\$109,532,444
20	Full-time equivalent positions	164.00	6.00	170.00
21	SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE			
22	<u>SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.</u> The following amounts reflect the one-time funding			
23	items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium <u>and the</u>			
24	<u>2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:</u>			
25	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>	
26	Additional PLOTS payments	\$1,485,000	\$0	
27	Red River basin wildlife and water quality program	500,000	0	
28	State radio equipment	801,500	0	
29	Total special funds	\$2,786,500	\$0	
30	State radio equipment	801,500	0	
31	Aquatic nuisance species laboratory and storage facility	0	850,000	

1	<u>In-car video system and body cameras</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>550,000</u>
2	<u>Fisheries pond liners</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
3	<u>Devils Lake bunkhouse improvements</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>350,000</u>
4	<u>Fisheries dam repairs</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>380,000</u>
5	<u>Wash stations and other equipment</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>205,000</u>
6	<u>Uniforms and supplies for new FTE positions</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89,090</u>
7	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$2,786,500</u>	<u>\$3,424,090</u>

8 The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget
9 for the 2025-27 biennium. The game and fish department shall report to the appropriations
10 committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the
11 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

12 **SECTION 3. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE ITEM.** The grants, gifts, and
13 donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$100,000 received by the game and
14 fish department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or
15 managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

16 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**
17 **POSITIONS - RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT.** Subject to the provisions of this
18 section, there is appropriated from federal funds, the sum of \$27,150,000, or so much of the
19 sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of administering
20 programs approved under the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act, for the biennium
21 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The department is authorized seven full-time
22 equivalent positions for this purpose. The funding and positions authorized in this section are
23 available only upon passage of the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

24 **SECTION 5. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,
25 the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer up to \$2,000,000 of
26 appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and
27 fish line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the game and fish department during the
28 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The game and fish department
29 shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.