

April 25, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1538

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1620 and 1621 of the House Journal and page 1370 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1538 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 and a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fishing contests, surcharge fees, and the fishing conservation fund; to"

Page 1, remove line 3

Page 1, line 4, replace "relating to fishing contests" with "to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an effective date"

Page 1, line 22, after "event" insert "with fewer than fifty participants or fewer than fifteen boats"

Page 1, line 24, remove "A fishing event with fewer than fifty participants and fewer than fifteen boats."

Page 2, line 1, remove "c."

Page 2, line 3, replace "d." with "c."

Page 2, line 5, replace "e." with "d."

Page 2, line 6, replace ". A" with "if the fishing contest is held by a"

Page 2, line 8, replace the second "and" with "or"

Page 2, line 9, remove ". may retain one hundred"

Page 2, line 10, remove "percent of the proceeds of a fishing contest"

Page 2, line 13, remove "A permit application fee may"

Page 2, remove lines 14 and 15

Page 2, line 16, replace "organization listed in subsection 2 or a youth event held on a single body of water" with "The application must list the recipient of the conservation fee and include a seventy-five dollar application fee. A conservation fee must be negotiated between the organization desiring to hold the fishing contest and a representative of the fishing league or fishing tournament"

Page 2, line 26, remove "the gross and net proceeds for the"

Page 2, remove line 27

Page 2, line 28, replace "prizes" with "and the total amount and recipient of the conservation fee"

Page 2, after line 30, insert:

"SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Nonresident license surcharge - Fishing conservation fund - Continuing appropriation.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director shall establish a surcharge of five dollars on each nonresident fishing license issued under section 20.1-03-12. The collected surcharge fees must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the fishing conservation fund.
2. There is created in the state treasury a special fund known as the fishing conservation fund. The fund consists of all money deposited in the fund pursuant to this section. All money deposited in the fund is appropriated as a continuing appropriation to the game and fish department for the purpose of fishery conservation, public access projects, and grant programs relating to fish and wildlife conservation. The game and fish department may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 28-32 for the purpose of administering the fishing conservation fund.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective on April 1, 2024."

Renumber accordingly