

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1019
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state game and fish department.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the state game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the various divisions of the department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$13,889,059
Operating expenses	8,320,714
Equipment	793,505
Capital improvements	1,259,486
Grants	3,578,050
Noxious weed control	250,000
Land habitat and deer depredation	5,138,476
Grants, gifts, and donations	150,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
Waterbank program	200,000
Wildlife services	400,000
Lonetree reservoir	<u>1,220,351</u>
Total special funds appropriation	\$35,319,641

SECTION 2. LAND HABITAT AND DEER DEPREDATION. The amount of \$2,930,036, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled land habitat and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act, is from the habitat and depredation fund, to lease privately owned lands for wildlife habitat to reestablish wildlife population, to improve wildlife habitat on private lands, and to alleviate big game and furbearer depredation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003. These funds may be spent only for the purposes and using guidelines contained in sections 20.1-02-05 and 20.1-03-12.1.

SECTION 3. NONGAME WILDLIFE. The amount of \$75,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled nongame wildlife in section 1 of this Act, is from the nongame wildlife fund for the purpose of preservation, inventory, perpetuation, and conservation of nongame wildlife, natural areas, and nature preserves in this state for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.

SECTION 4. WATERBANK PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. The amount of \$200,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled waterbank program in section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and must be used to increase water storage and enhance wildlife habitat in North Dakota. Contracts and agreements relating to the waterbank program may be entered into by the director of the game and fish department, in cooperation with the agriculture commissioner.

SECTION 5. WILDLIFE SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. The amount of \$400,000, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled wildlife services in section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and must be used to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage in North Dakota. Projects funded may include projects to alleviate waterfowl depredation and damage and must be approved by the director of the state game and fish department. Contracts and agreements relating to the wildlife services program may be entered into by the director of the state game and fish department, in cooperation with the agriculture commissioner.

SECTION 6. PRIVATE LAND HABITAT AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. The amount of \$400,000 or such lesser amount as may be available, from the line item entitled land habitat and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act, is from the additional revenue generated by hunting license fee increases contained in House Bill No. 1468. It is the intent of the fifty-seventh legislative assembly that these funds be spent to carry out the private land habitat and access improvement program by providing access to private land, establishing food plots, alleviating depredation, and enhancing habitat pursuant to subsection 19 of section 20.1-02-05, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1019.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 2 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 48 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State