

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 state game and
2 fish department.

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 2. LAND HABITAT AND DEER DEPREDATION.** The amount of
24 \$2,930,036, or such lesser amount as may be available, for the line item entitled land habitat

1 and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act, is from the habitat and depredation fund, to lease
2 privately owned lands for wildlife habitat to reestablish wildlife population, to improve wildlife
3 habitat on private lands, and to alleviate big game and furbearer depredation for the biennium
4 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003. These funds may be spent only for the
5 purposes and using guidelines contained in sections 20.1-02-05 and 20.1-03-12.1.

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

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

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

25 **SECTION 6. PRIVATE LAND HABITAT AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**
26 The amount of \$400,000 or such lesser amount as may be available, from the line item entitled
27 land habitat and deer depredation in section 1 of this Act, is from the additional revenue
28 generated by hunting license fee increases contained in House Bill No. 1468. It is the intent of
29 the fifty-seventh legislative assembly that these funds be spent to carry out the private land
30 habitat and access improvement program by providing access to private land, establishing food

- 1 plots, alleviating depredation, and enhancing habitat pursuant to subsection 19 of section
- 2 20.1-02-05, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.