

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

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 amend and reenact section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to the game and fish fund; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. BASE LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION.** The amounts identified in this
6 section represent the base level funding component appropriated to the game and fish
7 department in section 3 of this Act as follows:

8	Salaries and wages	\$15,373,582
9	Operating expenses	9,491,219
10	Capital assets	2,259,944
11	Grants	3,602,050
12	Land habitat and deer depredation	10,181,415
13	Noxious weed control	300,000
14	Grants, gifts, and donations	150,000
15	Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
16	Lonetree reservoir	1,337,553
17	Wildlife services	<u>550,000</u>
18	Total special funds - Base level	\$43,365,763

19 **SECTION 2. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS INFORMATION.** The
20 amounts identified in this section represent the funding adjustments or enhancements to the
21 base funding level for the game and fish department which are included in the appropriation in
22 section 3 of this Act as follows:

23	Salaries and wages	\$1,431,668
24	Operating expenses	245,216

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1	Capital assets	701,172
2	Grants	1,812,072
3	Land habitat and deer depredation	47,683
4	Noxious weed control	50,000
5	Grants, gifts, and donations	550,000
6	Lonetree reservoir	191,480
7	Ramp improvements and marina development	<u>800,000</u>
8	Total special funds - Adjustments/enhancements	\$5,829,291

9 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
10 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in
11 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal
12 funds and other income, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the
13 expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007,
14 as follows:

15	Salaries and wages	\$16,805,250
16	Operating expenses	9,736,435
17	Capital assets	2,961,116
18	Grants	5,414,122
19	Land habitat and deer depredation	10,229,098
20	Noxious weed control	350,000
21	Grants, gifts, and donations	700,000
22	Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
23	Lonetree reservoir	1,529,033
24	Wildlife services	550,000
25	Ramp improvements and marina development	<u>800,000</u>
26	Total special funds appropriation	\$49,195,054

27 **SECTION 4. PRIVATE LAND HABITAT AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT.** The sum of
28 \$3,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the land habitat and deer
29 depredation line item in section 3 of this Act, is from the private land habitat and access
30 improvement fund and must be used by the game and fish department for the private land

1 habitat and access improvement program, as provided in section 20.1-02-05, for the biennium
2 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

3 **SECTION 5. NONGAME WILDLIFE.** The sum of \$35,000, or so much of the sum as
4 may be necessary, included in the nongame wildlife conservation line item in section 3 of this
5 Act, is from the nongame wildlife fund and must be used by the game and fish department for
6 the purposes provided in section 20.1-02-16.2, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and
7 ending June 30, 2007.

8 **SECTION 6. WILDLIFE SERVICES - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER.** The sum of
9 \$550,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the wildlife services line
10 item in section 3 of this Act, is from the game and fish department operating fund and must be
11 provided to the agriculture commissioner to pay for services provided by the United States
12 department of agriculture wildlife services agency to alleviate wildlife depredation and damage
13 in North Dakota. The director of the game and fish department must approve projects,
14 contracts, and agreements relating to the expenditure of these moneys.

15 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE**
16 **ITEM - UNDERDAHL GIFT.** The grants, gifts, and donations line item in section 3 of this Act
17 includes up to \$500,000 provided as a gift to the game and fish department from the estate of
18 Rodney Underdahl. It is the intent of the fifty-ninth legislative assembly to approve the
19 unrestricted receipt of this gift by the game and fish department.

20 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
21 is amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **20.1-02-16.1. Game and fish fund - Use - Required balance - Budget section**
23 **approval.** All income of the state game and fish department deposited by the director with the
24 state treasurer must be credited to the state game and fish fund and the fund may be used only
25 by the department. All money derived from the investment of the fund or portions of the fund
26 must be credited to the game and fish department private land habitat and access improvement
27 fund. The department shall spend moneys in the game and fish fund within the limits of
28 legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not reduced below ~~ten~~
29 fifteen million dollars, unless otherwise authorized by the budget section.

30 **SECTION 9. EMERGENCY.** The ramp improvements and marina development line
31 item contained in section 3 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.