

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2017

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1200 and 1201 of the Senate Journal and pages 1180 and 1181 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2017 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "department" insert "; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a report to the legislative council; to provide for a study"

Page 2, line 2, replace "(871,688)" with "488,062"

Page 2, line 3, replace "1,058,372" with "1,558,372"

Page 2, after line 6, insert:

"Recruitment and retention study 30,000"

Page 2, line 7, replace "0" with "240,000"

Page 2, line 8, replace "4,530,302" with "6,660,052"

Page 2, line 18, replace "5,292,434" with "6,652,184"

Page 2, line 19, replace "12,286,351" with "12,786,351"

Page 2, after line 24, insert:

"Recruitment and retention study 30,000"

Page 2, line 25, replace "800,000" with "1,040,000"

Page 2, line 26, replace "55,731,361" with "57,861,111"

Page 2, after line 31, insert:

**SECTION 5. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - GRANTS.** The grants line item in section 3 of this Act includes \$109,750 for a grant to the parks and recreation department for boat ramp improvements at Fort Stevenson state park. The \$109,750 may be spent only if the corps of engineers does not begin construction of a marina at Fort Stevenson state park by March 31, 2008.

**SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the sixtieth legislative assembly that \$100,000 contained in the grants line item in section 3 of this Act be used to carry out a grant program to encourage hunting by youth. The director of the game and fish department may provide grants under this program to local communities to fund shooting ranges and other related activities to encourage hunting by youth.

**SECTION 7. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TO STUDY RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF HUNTERS IN NORTH DAKOTA - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** The game and fish department shall study the recruitment and retention of hunters in North Dakota. The study must include identification of programs to recruit

and retain hunters in this state. The department shall report its findings to the budget section by December 31, 2008."

Page 3, line 1, replace "\$800,000" with "\$1,040,000"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2017 - Game and Fish Department - Conference Committee Action**

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	COMPARISON TO HOUSE
Salaries and wages	\$19,033,535	\$19,033,535		\$19,033,535	\$19,033,535	
Operating expenses	11,690,087	11,690,087		11,690,087	11,690,087	
Capital assets	3,284,241	3,284,241		3,284,241	3,284,241	
Grants	5,252,184	5,292,434	\$1,359,750	6,652,184	6,992,434	(\$340,250)
Land habitat and deer depredation	12,286,351	12,786,351	500,000	12,786,351	14,286,351	(1,500,000)
Noxious weed control	450,000	450,000		450,000	450,000	
Grants, gifts, and donations	500,000	500,000		500,000	500,000	
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	120,000		120,000	120,000	
Lonetree Reservoir	1,594,713	1,594,713		1,594,713	1,594,713	
Wildlife Services	680,000	680,000		680,000	680,000	
Ramp improvements and marina development		800,000	240,000	1,040,000	800,000	240,000
Recruitment and retention study			30,000	30,000	30,000	
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$54,891,111</b>	<b>\$55,731,361</b>	<b>\$2,129,750</b>	<b>\$57,861,111</b>	<b>\$59,461,361</b>	<b>(\$1,600,250)</b>
<b>Less estimated income</b>	<b>54,891,111</b>	<b>55,731,861</b>	<b>2,129,750</b>	<b>57,861,111</b>	<b>59,461,361</b>	<b>(1,600,250)</b>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	155.00	155.00	0.00	155.00	155.00	0.00

**Dept. 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STUDY <sup>1</sup>	YOUTH HUNTING GRANT PROGRAM <sup>2</sup>	SWEETBRIAR DAM PROJECT <sup>3</sup>	BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS <sup>4</sup>	INCREASES FUNDING FOR RAMP IMPROVEMENTS AND MARINA DEVELOPMENT <sup>5</sup>	ADDS FUNDING FOR LAND HABITAT AND DEER DEPREDATION <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages						
Operating expenses						
Capital assets						
Grants		\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$259,750		
Land habitat and deer depredation						\$500,000
Noxious weed control						
Grants, gifts, and donations						
Nongame wildlife conservation						
Lonetree Reservoir						
Wildlife Services						
Ramp improvements and marina development					\$240,000	
Recruitment and retention study	\$30,000					
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$259,750</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Less estimated income</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>259,750</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE  
CHANGES

Salaries and wages	
Operating expenses	
Capital assets	
Grants	\$1,359,750
Land habitat and deer depredation	500,000
Noxious weed control	
Grants, gifts, donations	
Nongame wildlife conservation	
Lonetree Reservoir Wildlife Services	
Ramp improvements and marina development	240,000
Recruitment and retention study	<u>30,000</u>
 Total all funds	 \$2,129,750
Less estimated income	<u>2,129,750</u>
General fund	\$0
FTE	0.00

- 1 This amendment provides funding for a study on recruitment and retention of hunters in North Dakota.
- 2 This amendment provides funding for a grant program to local communities to fund shooting ranges and other related activities to encourage hunting by youth.
- 3 This amendment provides \$1,000,000 from the game and fish fund to the State Water Commission for the Sweetbriar Dam project. The funding from the game and fish fund is contingent upon other funding being made available for the project by the State Water Commission.
- 4 This amendment provides funding to the Parks and Recreation Department from the game and fish fund for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs relating to boat ramps at various state parks.
- 5 This amendment increases funding for ramp improvements and marina development from \$800,000, as provided by the Senate, to \$1,040,000.
- 6 This amendment increases the land habitat and deer depredation line item by \$500,000.

A section is added providing legislative intent relating to the grant program to encourage youth hunting.

A section is added directing the Game and Fish Department to conduct a study on recruitment and retention of hunters in North Dakota.

A section is added relating to a contingent appropriation of \$109,750 for a grant to the Parks and Recreation Department for boat ramp improvements at Fort Stevenson State Park if the Corps of Engineers does not begin construction of the marina by March 31, 2008.