

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE BILL NO. 2017  
(Appropriations Committee)  
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a report to the legislative council; to provide for a study; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

Salaries and wages	\$16,933,000
Operating expenses	9,736,435
Capital assets	2,961,116
Grants	6,164,122
Land habitat and deer depredation	11,227,979
Noxious weed control	350,000
Grants, gifts, and donations	700,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,528,407
Wildlife services	680,000
Ramp improvements and marina development	800,000
Total special funds - Base level	\$51,201,059

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

Salaries and wages	\$2,100,535
Operating expenses	1,953,652
Capital assets	323,125
Grants	488,062
Land habitat and deer depredation	1,558,372
Noxious weed control	100,000
Grants, gifts, and donations	(200,000)
Lonetree reservoir	66,306
Recruitment and retention study	30,000
Ramp improvements and marina development	240,000
Total special funds - Adjustments/enhancements	\$6,660,052

**SECTION 3. 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 game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$19,033,535
Operating expenses	11,690,087

Capital assets	3,284,241
Grants	6,652,184
Land habitat and deer depredation	12,786,351
Noxious weed control	450,000
Grants, gifts, and donations	500,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,594,713
Wildlife services	680,000
Recruitment and retention study	30,000
Ramp improvements and marina development	1,040,000
Total special funds appropriation	\$57,861,111

**SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - WILDLIFE SERVICES - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER.**

There is appropriated from special funds the sum of \$130,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department to be provided to the agriculture commissioner for the payment of wildlife services for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2007.

**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.

**SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.** The \$1,040,000 included in the ramp improvements and marina development line item included in section 3 of this Act and the appropriation provided in section 4 of this Act are declared to be emergency measures.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2017 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        44            Nays        0            Absent      3

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas        89            Nays        2            Absent      3

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007,

at \_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State