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of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1197**

Introduced by

Representatives Hofstad, D. Anderson, Damschen, D. Johnson, Porter, Seibel

Senators Klein, Luick, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a prohibition on the purchase of real property and easements for
2 wildlife or conservation purposes with public funds.

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

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 **Prohibition on the purchase of certain real property and easements with public**
6 **funds.**

7 A governmental entity may not provide funds through grant, contract, or other agreement to
8 a nongovernmental entity that is a nonprofit organization for the purpose of holding any interest
9 in real property or an easement for wildlife or conservation purposes. This section does not
10 apply to a governmental entity in a partnership with a nongovernmental entity, if the
11 governmental entity derives a benefit from the partnership. In addition, the recipient of these
12 funds is subject to civil action by any person for the return of any public funds used by the
13 recipient for any of the same purposes.