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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1017

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish
2 department; and to provide an exemption.

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 funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated from other funds derived from special funds and federal
6 funds, to the game and fish department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the game
7 and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as
8 follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11	Salaries and wages	\$37,008,098	\$2,052,121
12	\$39,060,219		
	<u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$37,008,098</u>	<u>\$2,317,621</u>
			<u>\$39,325,719</u>
13	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,862,510
14	Operating expenses	17,788,258	2,016,038
15	Capital assets	5,400,661	1,622,479
16	Grants - game and fish	10,089,976	(3,001,997)
17	Land habitat and deer depredation	27,183,516	4,989,565
18	Noxious weed control	725,000	0
19	Missouri River enforcement	313,869	9,912
20	Grants, gifts, and donations	677,970	17,110

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1	Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
2	Lonetree reservoir	2,156,714	(48,117)	2,108,597
3	Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
4	Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
5	Aquatic nuisance species program	<u>2,533,452</u>	<u>352,055</u>	<u>2,885,507</u>
6	Total other funds	\$104,727,514	\$9,871,676	\$114,599,190
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8	Full-time equivalent positions	170.00	0.00	170.00

9 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

10 **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
11 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's
12 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations
13 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

14	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
15	Information technology projects	\$380,000
16	Baukol-Noonan dam repairs	150,000
17	Equipment	220,200
18	Garrison dam national fish hatchery pondliners	1,500,000
19	Garrison dam national fish hatchery pumps	300,000
20	Wildlife habitat and access on private lands	<u>5,000,000</u>
21	Total other funds	\$7,550,200

22 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The

23 game and fish department may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool
24 line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to
25 transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item
26 and other line items with salaries and wages in accordance with the guidelines and reporting
27 provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

28 **SECTION 4. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE ITEM.** The grants, gifts, and

29 donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$100,000 received by the game and
30 fish department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or
31 managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

1 **SECTION 5. MIDTERM CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.** The game and fish department
2 may spend up to \$2,777,778 from other funds in the land habitat and deer depredation line item
3 in section 1 of this Act for national fish and wildlife foundation midterm conservation agreements
4 with private landowners. The department shall limit the term of these agreements to a maximum
5 of thirty years. The department shall provide buyback provisions after the fifteenth, twentieth,
6 and twenty-fifth years of the agreement if the property owner desires to withdraw all or a portion
7 of acreage from the lease.

8 **SECTION 6. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04,
9 the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer up to \$2,000,000 of
10 appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and
11 fish line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the game and fish department during the
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The game and fish department
13 shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.