

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

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 transfer; to provide legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. 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, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$21,580,287	\$2,438,741	\$24,019,028
Operating expenses	12,800,000	(275,507)	12,524,493
Capital assets	3,965,000	218,170	4,183,170
Grants	6,544,000	1,174,500	7,718,500
Land habitat and deer	11,080,162	1,824,524	12,904,686
Noxious weed control	550,000	50,000	600,000
Missouri River enforcement	0	200,000	200,000
Grants, gifts, and donations	400,000	400,000	800,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	0	120,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,655,689	93,376	1,749,065
Wildlife services	<u>768,800</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>868,800</u>
Total special funds	\$59,463,938	\$6,223,804	\$65,687,742
Full-time equivalent positions	157.00	0.00	157.00

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - 2009-11 BIENNIUM WILDLIFE SERVICES - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER - LEGISLATIVE INTENT. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of providing funds 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, 2011. It is the intent of the sixty-second legislative assembly that the funding provided in this section is from the estimated savings to the game and fish department resulting from the reduction in property tax liability resulting from provisions of Senate Bill No. 2199 approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - GENERAL FUND - GAME AND FISH FUND. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000 which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the game and fish fund to be provided to the agriculture commissioner, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. Of the funding provided in this section, \$199,461 relates to expenses of the state board of animal health and \$100,539 relates to the wildlife services program.

SECTION 4. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE. The grants, gifts, and donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$400,000 received by the game and fish department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation on department-owned or department-managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

SECTION 5. MISSOURI RIVER ENFORCEMENT. The Missouri River enforcement line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$200,000 for salaries and operating expenses of department employees coordinating or performing Missouri River law enforcement activities and for grants to local law enforcement agencies performing Missouri River law enforcement activities. The department may not use any of the funds for the purchase of equipment with a cost of \$3,000 or more.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. Funding of \$400,000 included in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act for a grant to the parks and recreation department for costs associated with the project to raise the elevation of the Grahams Island state park access road, funding of \$850,000 included in the land habitat and deer line item in section 1 of this Act relating to hunting access and deer depredation, and section 2 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-second 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 45 Nays 2 Absent 0

President of the Senate

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 82 Nays 5 Absent 7

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State