Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE BILL NO. 1197
(Representatives Hofstad, D. Anderson, Damschen, D. Johnson, Porter, Seibel)
(Senators Klein, Luick, Wanzek)

AN ACT to provide for a prohibition on the purchase of real property and easements for wildlife or conservation purposes with public funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1.

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1197.

House Vote:	Yeas 66	Nays 25	Absent 3
Senate Vote:	Yeas 43	Nays 3	Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 12:19 P.M. on April 10, 2015.

Approved at 2:47 P.M. on April 13, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 13th day of April, 2015,

at 4:37 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State