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

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 create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a gubernatorial proclamation concerning the hunting of elk; to provide for a legislative management study; and to provide an expiration date.

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 the game and fish department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$25,899,606	$3,770,636	$29,670,242
Operating expenses	12,956,728	712,216	13,668,944
Capital assets	3,885,061	1,612,935	5,497,996
Grants	7,122,500	211,912	7,334,412
Land habitat and deer depredation	12,707,403	4,215,278	16,922,681
Noxious weed control	650,000	50,000	700,000
Missouri River enforcement	275,939	6,601	282,540
Grants, gifts, and donations	800,000	27,519	827,519
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000	0	120,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,935,636	(112,631)	1,823,005
Wildlife services	384,400	0	384,400
Accrued leave payments	816,366	(816,366)	0
Total special funds	$67,553,639	$9,678,100	$77,231,739
Full-time equivalent positions	158.00	5.00	163.00

SECTION 2. 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 managed properties as a result of mineral exploration and extraction activities.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Governor's proclamation concerning the hunting of elk - Annie's house at Bottineau winter park raffle.

The governor may by proclamation provide for a season to hunt elk in a manner, number, places, and times as the governor prescribes. Licenses to hunt elk must be issued by lottery, except as provided under subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11, with only residents eligible to apply; however, the governor may by proclamation make available to Annie's house at Bottineau winter park a license to hunt elk in a manner, places, and times as the governor prescribes. Annie's house at Bottineau winter park shall hold a raffle under rules adopted by the director with residents and nonresidents eligible to participate. No more than ten percent of the gross proceeds of the raffle may be used to promote the raffle and all remaining net proceeds must be used to support the operations of Annie's house at

Bottineau winter park. Annie's house at Bottineau winter park shall submit reports concerning the raffle as the director requires. An individual who has been convicted of illegally taking a moose, elk, or bighorn sheep is not eligible to receive a license under this section.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - LICENSES FOR FUNDRAISING. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying game and fish department licenses provided to entities for the purpose of fundraising. The study must include a review of the present law in this and other states and the feasibility and desirability of allowing the game and fish department to issue these licenses using procedures and within limits established by the legislative assembly. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 3 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2017, and after that date is ineffective.

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-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2017.

Senate Vote:	Yeas 47	Nays 0	Absent 0
House Vote:	Yeas 87	Nays 4	Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at 3:29 P.M. on April 27, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 27th day of April, 2015,

at 4:37 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State