

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1017
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department; to provide a report; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.

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 other 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$31,497,736	\$2,243,856	\$33,741,592
Operating expenses	15,949,169	327,613	16,276,782
Capital assets	5,917,891	1,658,379	7,576,270
Grants - game and fish	8,547,165	376,178	8,923,343
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,660,009	2,320,588	19,980,597
Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
Missouri River enforcement	288,068	8,931	296,999
Grants, gifts, and donations	533,732	136,401	670,133
Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,834,862	(16,453)	1,818,409
Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
Aquatic nuisance species program	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>1,509,009</u>
Total special funds	\$85,303,632	\$7,064,502	\$92,368,134
Full-time equivalent positions	165.00	(1.00)	164.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
Additional PLOTS payments	\$0	\$1,485,000
Red River basin wildlife and water quality program	0	500,000
State radio equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>801,500</u>
Total special funds	\$0	\$2,786,500

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The game and fish department shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.


SECTION 3. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS LINE ITEM. The grants, gifts, and donations line item in section 1 of this Act includes up to \$100,000 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 4. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer up to \$2,000,000 of appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and fish line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the game and fish department during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The game and fish department shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.


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-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1017.


House Vote: Yeas 81 Nays 12 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 1 Absent 0


Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State