

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Bill 257

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 44

AN ACT to repeal 29.184 (6) (b) 1. and 2.; and to renumber and amend 29.184 (6) (b) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: the cumulative preference system for issuing Class A bear hunting licenses.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 29.184 (6) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 29.184 (6) (b) and amended to read:

29.184 (6) (b) *Cumulative preference system; random selection.* If the number of qualified applications for Class A bear licenses exceeds the number of available licenses, the department shall select applicants to be issued Class A bear licenses based upon a cumulative preference system. This system shall establish preference categories for those applicants who applied for but who were not issued Class A bear licenses or bear harvest permits under s. 29.1085 (3) (b), 1993 stats., in the previous season, with higher priority given to those categories with more preference points than those with fewer preference points. For each season, the department shall allow each applicant under the system to apply for a preference point or for a license. The department shall give a preference point to each applicant who applies for a preference

point and to each applicant who applies for a license but who is not selected. Applicants who fail to apply for either a preference point or a license at least once during any 3 consecutive years shall lose all previously accumulated preference points. If the number of applicants within a preference category exceeds the number of Class A bear licenses available in the category, the department shall select at random the applicants to be issued licenses within the preference category. ~~Beginning on April 18, 2002, an applicant for a preference point must meet all of the following requirements on the first day of the bear hunting season that immediately follows the date of application:~~ A person of any age may apply for a preference point.

SECTION 2. 29.184 (6) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a person who applies for a preference point under section 29.184 (6) (b) of the statutes on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."