



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 182

March 13, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, NASS, R. YOUNG, GOETSCH and TRAVIS, cosponsored by Senator GROBSCHMIDT. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.03 (8) and 29.05 (8) (b); and **to create** 29.254 of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** prohibiting the use of dogs in the hunting of bear.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under rules promulgated by the department of natural resources, a person hunting bear may use a group of up to 6 dogs to pursue bear. This bill prohibits the use of dogs in bear hunting and prohibits the training of hunting dogs for hunting bear. Current law authorizes a conservation warden to kill a dog found running deer if necessary to protect the deer from injury or death. This bill expands this authorization to cover a dog found running bear. The bill also makes a dog running bear a public nuisance, thereby giving the state, a local unit of government or a person the right to file suit to abate the nuisance.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.03 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 29.03 (8) Any dog found running bear or deer, except farm-raised deer, at any
5 time, or used in violation of this chapter.

