



## 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.

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### *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.

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***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.

