



2011 SENATE BILL 135

June 22, 2011 - Introduced by Senators WANGGAARD, SCHULTZ, KEDZIE, LASEE and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives WILLIAMS, NERISON, PRIDEMORE, WYNN, BIES, JACQUE, TURNER, MEYER, LEMAHIEU, KAUFERT, BROOKS and ENDSLEY. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 29.184 (6d) of the statutes; **relating to:** issuance of a bear
2 license to the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in addition to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue Class A and Class B bear licenses, DNR also has the authority to issue certificates for two Class A bear licenses to the Wisconsin Bear Hunters' Association, Inc. The association is allowed to raffle one of the certificates and conduct an auction for the other certificate. Currently, DNR is required to issue a resident or nonresident Class A bear license to a person who presents the department with the certificate and pays the required fees.

This bill requires DNR to issue one certificate for a Class A bear hunting license to an organization known as the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, if the organization applies for the certificate. The bill requires the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program to transfer the certificate to a person who receives support under the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program who is a resident and qualified to receive a residential Class A bear hunting license. If the person who receives a certificate presents the certificate to DNR with the appropriate required fees, the bill requires the department to issue the person a resident Class A bear hunting license and the carcass tag and back tag for that hunting season. A person may be issued only one Class A bear hunting license under this program in his or her lifetime.

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

