

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 31

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 29.184 (6) (b); and *to create* 29.184 (6) (b) 1.
2 and 29.184 (6) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** certain applicants for
3 preference points under the cumulative preference system for issuing Class A
4 bear hunting licenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

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

7 29.184 **(6)** (b) *Cumulative preference system; random selection.* (intro.) If the
8 number of qualified applications for Class A bear licenses exceeds the number of
9 available licenses, the department shall select applicants to be issued Class A bear
10 licenses based upon a cumulative preference system. This system shall establish

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1 preference categories for those applicants who applied for but who were not issued
2 Class A bear licenses or bear harvest permits under s. 29.1085 (3) (b), 1993 stats., in
3 the previous season, with higher priority given to those categories with more
4 preference points than those with fewer preference points. For each season, the
5 department shall allow each applicant under the system to apply for a preference
6 point or for a license. The department shall give a preference point to each applicant
7 who applies for a preference point and to each applicant who applies for a license but
8 who is not selected. Applicants who fail to apply for either a preference point or a
9 license at least once during any 3 consecutive years shall lose all previously
10 accumulated preference points. If the number of applicants within a preference
11 category exceeds the number of Class A bear licenses available in the category, the
12 department shall select at random the applicants to be issued licenses within the
13 preference category. Beginning on the effective date of this paragraph [revisor
14 inserts date], an applicant for a preference point must meet all of the following
15 requirements on the first day of the bear hunting season that immediately follows
16 the date of application:

17 **SECTION 2.** 29.184 (6) (b) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

18 29.184 (6) (b) 1. The applicant is at least 12 years old.

19 **SECTION 3.** 29.184 (6) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

20 29.184 (6) (b) 2. The applicant is eligible for an approval authorizing hunting.

21 (END)