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1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 29.192 (4); *to amend* 29.180 (1) (a) 3., 29.183
2 (1) (c), 29.184 (6) (c) 1r. and 29.192 (4m) (intro.); and *to create* 29.192 (4) (b) of
3 the statutes; **relating to:** the preference systems for issuing Class A bear
4 licenses, bobcat hunting and trapping permits, fisher trapping permits, and
5 otter trapping permits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

6 **SECTION 1.** 29.180 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
7 29.180 (1) (a) 3. Bobcat hunting ~~or~~ and trapping permit.
8 **SECTION 2.** 29.183 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
9 29.183 (1) (c) Bobcat hunting ~~or~~ and trapping permit.
10 **SECTION 3.** 29.184 (6) (c) 1r. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 29.184 (6) (c) 1r. ~~The Subject to ss. 29.024 and 54.25 (2) (c) 1. d., the department~~
2 shall issue a ~~notice of approval~~ Class A bear license to those qualified applicants
3 selected to receive a ~~Class A bear license. A person who receives a notice of approval~~
4 ~~and who pays the fees required for the license shall be issued the license subject to~~
5 ~~ss. 29.024 and 54.25 (2) (c) 1. d. under par. (b).~~

6 **SECTION 4.** 29.192 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 29.192 (4) (a) and amended
7 to read:

8 29.192 (4) (a) If the department decides to limit the number of persons taking
9 Canada geese, sharp-tailed grouse, ~~fishers, otters, bobcats~~ or sturgeon by issuing
10 permits and if the number of persons seeking the permits exceeds the number of
11 available permits, the department shall issue the permits according to a cumulative
12 preference system established by the department. The department shall give a
13 preference point to each applicant for each previous season for which the applicant
14 applied but was not issued a permit. The system shall establish preference categories
15 for these applicants, with higher priority given to those categories with more points
16 than those with fewer points. Applicants who fail to apply at least once during any
17 3 consecutive years shall lose all previously accumulated preference points. If the
18 number of applicants within a preference category or a subcategory exceeds the
19 number of permits available in the category or subcategory, the department shall
20 select at random within the category or subcategory the applicants to be issued the
21 permits.

22 **SECTION 5.** 29.192 (4) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

23 29.192 (4) (b) 1. If the department decides to limit the number of persons taking
24 fishers, otters, or bobcats by issuing permits and if the number of persons seeking
25 the permits exceeds the number of available permits, the department shall issue the

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1 permits according to a cumulative preference system established by the department.
2 The system shall establish preference categories for those applicants who applied for
3 but were not issued the applicable permits, with higher priority given to those
4 categories with more points than those with fewer preference points. For each
5 season, the department shall allow each applicant under the system to apply for a
6 preference point or for a permit. The department shall give a preference point to each
7 applicant who applies for a preference point and to each applicant who applies for
8 a permit but who is not selected. Applicants who fail to apply for either a preference
9 point or a permit 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 or a subcategory exceeds the number of permits available in the category
12 or subcategory, the department shall select at random within the category or
13 subcategory the applicants to be issued the permits.

14 2. A person who applies for a preference point or a permit under subd. 1. shall
15 pay the processing fee under s. 29.553 at the time of application.

16 3. The department shall issue a permit to those qualified applicants selected
17 to receive a permit under subd. 1.

18 **SECTION 6.** 29.192 (4m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 29.192 **(4m)** (intro.) If the department establishes a permit system under sub.
20 (3) or (4) (b) that affects the trapping of bobcats, fishers, or otters, the department
21 may do any of the following:

22 **SECTION 7. Initial applicability.**

23 (1) This act first applies to Class A bear licenses, fisher trapping permits, otter
24 trapping permits, and bobcat hunting and trapping permits that are issued on the
25 effective date of this subsection.

