

2007 Assembly Bill 359

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2007 WISCONSIN ACT 66

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

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

SECTION 1. 29.180 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

29.180 (1) (a) 3. Bobcat hunting ~~or~~ and trapping permit.

SECTION 2. 29.183 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.183 (1) (c) Bobcat hunting ~~or~~ and trapping permit.

SECTION 3. 29.184 (6) (c) 1r. of the statutes is amended to read:

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

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

29.192 (4) (a) If the department decides to limit the number of persons taking Canada geese, sharp-tailed grouse, ~~fishers, otters, bobcats~~ or sturgeon by issuing permits and if the number of persons seeking the permits exceeds the number of available permits, the department shall issue the permits according to a cumulative prefer-

ence system established by the department. The department shall give a preference point to each applicant for each previous season for which the applicant applied but was not issued a permit. The system shall establish preference categories for these applicants, with higher priority given to those categories with more points than those with fewer points. Applicants who fail to apply at least once during any 3 consecutive years shall lose all previously accumulated preference points. If the number of applicants within a preference category or a subcategory exceeds the number of permits available in the category or subcategory, the department shall select at random within the category or subcategory the applicants to be issued the permits.

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

29.192 (4) (b) 1. If the department decides to limit the number of persons taking fishers, otters, or bobcats by issuing permits and if the number of persons seeking the permits exceeds the number of available permits, the department shall issue the permits according to a cumulative preference system established by the department. The system shall establish preference categories for those applicants who applied for but were not issued the applicable permits, with higher priority given to those categories with more points than those with fewer preference points. For each season, the department shall allow each

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2005-06 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

applicant under the system to apply for a preference point or for a permit. The department shall give a preference point to each applicant who applies for a preference point and to each applicant who applies for a permit but who is not selected. Applicants who fail to apply for either a preference point or a permit at least once during any 3 consecutive years shall lose all previously accumulated preference points. If the number of applicants within a preference category or a subcategory exceeds the number of permits available in the category or subcategory, the department shall select at random within the category or subcategory the applicants to be issued the permits.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 7. Initial applicability.

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

SECTION 8. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on April 1, 2008, or the day after publication, whichever is later.
