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1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 29.184 (8) and 29.184 (9) (a); *to amend* 29.184
2 (4), 29.184 (5) (a), 29.184 (5) (b), 29.184 (9) (b), 29.971 (11m) (a) and 29.971 (11m)
3 (b); and *to create* 29.184 (3) (br) 1m., 29.184 (3) (br) 4., 29.184 (3m), 29.184 (5)
4 (c) and 29.184 (8) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** privileges under a Class A or
5 Class B bear hunting license, and bear carcass tag and back tag requirements.

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.** 29.184 (3) (br) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:
7 29.184 **(3)** (br) 1m. Pursue a bear, provided that the licensee does not shoot,
8 shoot at, capture, take, or kill the bear, except as provided under subd. 4.
9 **SECTION 2.** 29.184 (3) (br) 4. of the statutes is created to read:
10 29.184 **(3)** (br) 4. Shoot, for the purpose of killing, a bear that was shot, but not
11 killed, by a Class A bear license holder if the Class B bear license holder was hunting

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1 in the same hunting party as the Class A bear license holder at the point of kill, if
2 the Class A bear license holder possesses a current unused bear carcass tag that is
3 authorized for use on the bear killed, and if killing the bear is necessary to protect
4 the safety of the members of the hunting party or others.

5 **SECTION 3.** 29.184 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

6 29.184 **(3m)** OPEN SEASON REQUIREMENTS. If the department establishes an open
7 season that includes a period during which a Class A bear license holder is allowed
8 to hunt bear with the use of a dog, the department shall allow a Class B bear license
9 holder to engage in the activities specified in sub. (3) (br) 3. during that period.

10 **SECTION 4.** 29.184 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.184 **(4)** USE OF DOGS. While a person is using a dog to hunt bear or to engage
12 in any of the activities specified in sub. (3) (br) 1. to ~~3.~~ 4., the person shall keep on
13 his or her person any tag required for the dog under s. 95.21 (2) (f), 174.053 (2) or
14 174.07 (1) (e).

15 **SECTION 5.** 29.184 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 29.184 **(5)** (a) A person under the age of ~~12~~ 16 years may engage in the activities
17 authorized under sub. (3) (br) 1. to ~~3.~~ 4. without holding a Class B bear license.

18 **SECTION 6.** 29.184 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 29.184 **(5)** (b) If a disabled person holds either a Class A or a Class B bear
20 license, a person who accompanies and assists the disabled person may engage in the
21 activities authorized under sub. (3) (br) 1. to ~~3.~~ 4. without holding a Class B bear
22 license.

23 **SECTION 7.** 29.184 (5) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 29.184 (5) (c) Any person may engage in the activities authorized under sub.
2 (3) (br) 1. to 4. during the 3rd Saturday in August and the immediately following
3 Sunday without holding a Class B bear license.

4 **SECTION 8.** 29.184 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 29.184 (8) (a) and amended
5 to read:

6 29.184 (8) (a) The department shall issue a bear carcass tag to each person who
7 is issued a Class A bear license. ~~A~~ Except as provided under par. (b), a person who
8 kills a bear shall immediately validate and attach the carcass tag to the bear. The
9 carcass tag shall be attached and validated according to rules promulgated by the
10 department.

11 **SECTION 9.** 29.184 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

12 29.184 (8) (b) A person who kills a bear under sub. (3) (br) 4. shall ensure that
13 the person for whom the bear is killed attaches a current validated bear carcass tag
14 in the manner provided under par. (a).

15 **SECTION 10.** 29.184 (9) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 29.184 (9) and
16 amended to read:

17 29.184 (9) The department shall issue a back tag to each person who is issued
18 a Class A bear license ~~or a Class B bear license.~~

19 **SECTION 11m.** 29.184 (9) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 29.184 (9) (b) No person may hunt bear ~~or engage in the activity specified in~~
21 ~~sub. (3) (br) 1. or 3.~~ as authorized under a Class A bear license unless there is
22 attached to the center of the person's coat, shirt, jacket, or similar outermost garment
23 where it can clearly be seen the back tag issued to the person under par. (a).

24 **SECTION 12.** 29.971 (11m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

