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## **1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 182**

March 13, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives Boyle, NASS, R. Young, Goetsch and Travis, cosponsored by Senator Grobschmidt. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 AN ACT to amend 29.03 (8) and 29.05 (8) (b); and to create 29.254 of the statutes;

**relating to:** prohibiting the use of dogs in the hunting of bear.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under rules promulgated by the department of natural resources, a person hunting bear may use a group of up to 6 dogs to pursue bear. This bill prohibits the use of dogs in bear hunting and prohibits the training of hunting dogs for hunting bear. Current law authorizes a conservation warden to kill a dog found running deer if necessary to protect the deer from injury or death. This bill expands this authorization to cover a dog found running bear. The bill also makes a dog running bear a public nuisance, thereby giving the state, a local unit of government or a person the right to file suit to abate the nuisance.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 29.03 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 29.03 (8) Any dog found running <u>bear or</u> deer, except farm-raised deer, at any
- 5 time, or used in violation of this chapter.

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1	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 29.05 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	29.05 (8) (b) Any perishable property seized by the department or its wardens
3	may be sold at the highest available price, and the proceeds of the sale turned into
4	court to await disposition of the proceeds as the court directs. A conservation warden
5	or other officers charged with the enforcement of the laws dealing with the
6	conservation of the natural resources of the state may kill a dog found running,
7	injuring, causing injury to, or killing any <u>bear or</u> deer, other than farm–raised deer,
8	or destroying game birds, their eggs or nests, if immediate action is necessary to
9	protect the <u>bear or</u> deer or game birds, their nests or eggs, from injury or death.
10	<b>SECTION 3.</b> 29.254 of the statutes is created to read:
11	<b>29.254 Use of dogs for bear hunting.</b> No person may use dogs in the process
12	of hunting bear or train dogs to hunt bear.
12	(ENID)

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(END)