

## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE

## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 202

July 20, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Williams, Nerison, Pridemore, Wynn, Bies, Jacque, Turner, Meyer, Lemahieu, Kaufert, Brooks and Endsley, cosponsored by Senators Wanggaard, Schultz, Kedzie, Lasee and Lassa. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- 1 AN ACT to create 29.184 (6d) of the statutes; relating to: issuance of a bear
- 2 license to the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in addition to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue Class A and Class B bear licenses, DNR also has the authority to issue certificates for two Class A bear licenses to the Wisconsin Bear Hunters' Association, Inc. The association is allowed to raffle one of the certificates and conduct an auction for the other certificate. Currently, DNR is required to issue a resident or nonresident Class A bear license to a person who presents the department with the certificate and pays the required fees.

This bill requires DNR to issue one certificate for a Class A bear hunting license to an organization known as the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, if the organization applies for the certificate. The bill requires the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program to transfer the certificate to a person who receives support under the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program who is a resident and qualified to receive a residential Class A bear hunting license. If the person who receives a certificate presents the certificate to DNR with the appropriate required fees, the bill requires the department to issue the person a resident Class A bear hunting license and the carcass tag and back tag for that hunting season. A person may be issued only one Class A bear hunting license under this program in his or her lifetime.

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

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

29.184 (6d) Issuance of Class A bear license to the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program. (a) In addition to any other Class A bear hunting license that the department issues under this section, the department shall issue one certificate for a Class A bear hunting license in a Class A bear hunting season to an organization known as the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, if the organization applies for the certificate.

- (b) The organization known as the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program shall transfer the certificate issued under par. (a) to any person who receives support under the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program who is a resident and is qualified to receive a Class A bear hunting license. A person who receives a certificate may present that certificate to the department and request a resident Class A bear hunting license. Upon receipt of the certificate and the appropriate required fees, the department shall issue the holder of the certificate a resident Class A bear hunting license and the carcass tag and back tag under subs. (8) and (9).
- (c) If the organization known as the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program fails to transfer the certificate under par. (b), the certificate shall become invalid.
- (d) A person may be issued under par. (b) only one Class A bear hunting license in his or her lifetime, and the Class A bear hunting license shall be valid for only one Class A bear hunting season. The issuance under par. (b) of a license to the person is subject to s. 29.024 (2g).