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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying bear hunting permit drawing provisions;  
1.3 requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.405.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.405, is amended to read:

1.6 **97B.405 COMMISSIONER MAY LIMIT NUMBER OF BEAR HUNTERS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner may limit the number of persons that may hunt bear in an  
1.8 area, if it is necessary to prevent an overharvest or improve the distribution of hunters.

1.9 The commissioner may establish, by rule, a method, including a drawing, to impartially  
1.10 select the hunters for an area. The commissioner shall give preference to hunters that have  
1.11 previously applied and have not been selected.

1.12 (b) In the case of a drawing, the commissioner shall allow a person to apply for a  
1.13 permit in more than one area at the same time and rank the person's choice of area. A  
1.14 person applying for a permit shall submit the applicable license fee under section 97A.475  
1.15 with the application. If a person is not selected for a bear hunting permit, the person may  
1.16 elect to have the license fee refunded or held and applied to a future license or permit.

1.17 **Sec. 2. RULES.**

1.18 The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt rules to comply with section 1.  
1.19 The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1.20 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt the rules. Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386,  
1.21 does not apply except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.