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Introduction and first reading

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Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying preference for lotteries for bear-hunting
 1.3 permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.405.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 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 area,
 1.8 if it is necessary to prevent an overharvest or improve the distribution of hunters. The
 1.9 commissioner may establish, by rule, a method, including a drawing, to impartially select
 1.10 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) If the commissioner limits the number of persons that may hunt bear in an area under
 1.13 paragraph (a), the commissioner must reserve one permit and give first preference for that
 1.14 permit to a resident of a Minnesota veterans home.

1.15 ~~(b)~~ (c) A person selected through a drawing must purchase a license by August 1. Any
 1.16 remaining available licenses not purchased shall be issued to any eligible person as prescribed
 1.17 by the commissioner on a first-come, first-served basis beginning three business days after
 1.18 August 1.