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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; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to  
1.3 issue special permits for taking bear for certain purposes; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2006, section 97B.405.

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

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

1.7 **97B.405 COMMISSIONER MAY LIMIT NUMBER OF BEAR HUNTERS.**

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

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

1.13 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the commissioner may issue additional bear  
1.14 hunting permits for scientific, conservation, or educational purposes.