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TWO JARCHOW BILLS GO TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

Madison... On Wednesday, during the Assembly floor session, two bills authored by Rep. Adam Jarchow (R-Balsam Lake) were passed and will head to Governor Walker to be signed into law.

Assembly Bill (AB) 325 will allow children of any age to apply for bear preference points. Currently, a ten year old child can hunt bear on a mentored hunt, but the tag he/she uses must be transferred to them because under current law, that ten year old is not able to apply for preference points until he/she is ten years old. This bill allows that child to accumulate preference points earlier so that by the age of ten, he/she has a better chance of receiving a bear tag.

Senate Bill (SB) 68 also passed the State Assembly which will allow citizens to once again feed deer in counties where it had previously been banned indefinitely. This bill removes the feeding ban in counties that are currently under a feeding ban and allows citizens to feed deer after no CWD has been found after three years and after two years in the adjoining counties.

Rep. Jarchow commented, "We passed good policy yesterday. Allowing children of any age to apply for bear preference points will ensure that Wisconsin's rich heritage of hunting will continue on to the next generations. AB 325 will make bear tags accessible to children earlier which hopefully will be enough to get them excited about bear hunting."

He continued, "The other bill that was passed yesterday was one of the first things I worked on when I was first elected. Ending the forever ban on feeding is important to the citizens of Northwestern Wisconsin. SB 68 is a commonsense change to current law and will allow people across the state to once again feed deer. I look forward to the Governor signing both bills into law."

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