



2021-2022 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 181: Wildlife Resources Commission Amendments, Sec. 2: Revise Requirement for Harvest of Black Bear

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 2 of S.L. 2021-160

**Date:** February 22, 2022  
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**OVERVIEW:** Section 2 of S.L. 2021-160 requires any hunter who harvests a black bear to submit at least one premolar tooth to the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) no later than January 31 following the applicable prior bear hunting season. The hunter must include with the tooth the hunter's name, mailing address, WRC customer number, and bear harvest authorization number, the harvested bear's sex, and the county of harvest.

*This section became effective October 1, 2021 and applies to bear hunting seasons beginning on or after that date.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

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Failing to submit a premolar tooth in accordance with this section is an infraction punishable by a \$35 fine. The Executive Director of WRC is authorized to revoke the bear e-stamp privileges for any individual guilty of a violation of this section for two consecutive years.

WRC may adopt temporary and permanent rules to implement this section.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This section became effective October 1, 2021 and applies to bear hunting seasons beginning on or after that date.

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