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Wisconsin Legislature Adopts the Bearings of AB 30

Madison, WI... "I am pleased to be the bearer of good news," said Rep Tittl, while he showed much appreciation to The Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association for their help with AB 30, the Bear Bait bill. Rep. Tittl noted "the Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association were instrumental in bringing forth this legislation." Assembly Bill 30 relating to the use of wood to contain bear bait or feed in logs or stumps. As the current law reads, bear hunters can place bait in hollow logs, stumps, and holes in the ground. However, the bait must be capped with logs, rocks, or other permitted substances, so animals such as whitetail deer cannot access the bait.

"Now don't take the bait that this a bad piece of legislation, and say we could bear-ly get it through, it was unanimous," shared Rep. Tittl. The bill will allow Wisconsin hunters to place a wood bottom under the bait so other animals are unable to access it from below. This change creates a safer bait site and is more environmentally friendly than other states' approaches, which allow materials that do not decompose. As many are aware, wood sitting in the forest will decompose over time. This bill will not allow the use of any man-made or processed materials.