

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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By: ~~Senators Eckardt, Astle, Edwards, Hershey, Jennings, Norman, Ready, and Salling~~ Salling, and Mathias

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Goose and Duck Hunting Seasons – Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation to work
4 with Congress and the United States Department of the Interior to extend goose
5 hunting and duck hunting seasons on the Eastern Shore to run through February of
6 each year.

7 WHEREAS, Hunting seasons for geese and ducks on the Eastern Shore and
8 statewide are set by the United States Department of the Interior; and

9 WHEREAS, The hunting seasons for geese and ducks on the Eastern Shore generally
10 end in late January to early February; and

11 WHEREAS, During the annual fall goose and duck hunting seasons, weather
12 conditions, visibility, and holiday conflicts often make it difficult for hunters to effectively
13 hunt geese and ducks; and

14 WHEREAS, The conservation status for geese and ducks on the Eastern Shore is not
15 concerning; and

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



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1 WHEREAS, Goose and duck hunting attracts a significant number of visitors and
2 tourist dollars to the Eastern Shore, and expanded goose and duck hunting seasons in
3 February would do so at a slow time of the year; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
5 Assembly urges the members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation to work with
6 Congress and the United States Department of the Interior to extend goose and duck
7 hunting seasons on the Eastern Shore to run through February of each year; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
10 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Barbara A.
11 Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and
12 Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, John P. Sarbanes,
13 Donna Edwards, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and
14 Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Approved:

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.