

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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

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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

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

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



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