

# SENATE BILL 899

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Bailey**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Canada Geese – Bag Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, during the migratory Canada goose hunting season, the bag  
4 limit for all Canada geese in the State to conform to the bag limit adopted annually  
5 by the Department of the Interior’s U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for certain geese;  
6 making a stylistic change; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally  
7 relating to bag limits for Canada geese.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Natural Resources  
10 Section 10–409  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–409.

17 **(A)** [Pursuant to] **IN ACCORDANCE WITH** § 10–205 of this title, the Department  
18 shall establish and publish by April 25 each year the bag limits per day for game birds and  
19 mammals by regulation for the ensuing year.

20 **(B)** [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
21 bag limits for ducks, geese, brant, railbirds, woodcock, mergansers, doves, and snipe may  
22 conform to the federal migratory bird rules and regulations adopted annually by the  
23 Secretary of Interior of the United States.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) DURING THE MIGRATORY CANADA GOOSE (ATLANTIC POPULATION)**  
2 **HUNTING SEASON, THE BAG LIMIT FOR ALL CANADA GEESE IN THE STATE,**  
3 **INCLUDING GEESE FOUND IN THE ATLANTIC FLYWAY RESIDENT POPULATION**  
4 **HUNT ZONE AND THE ATLANTIC POPULATION HUNT ZONE, SHALL CONFORM TO**  
5 **THE BAG LIMIT FOR ATLANTIC POPULATION CANADA GEESE ADOPTED ANNUALLY**  
6 **BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR’S U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
8 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
9 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
10 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
11 enacted.