By: Senator Bailey
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Canada Geese – Bag Limits

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–409
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

10–409.

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

(B) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE bag limits for ducks, geese, brant, railbirds, woodcock, mergansers, doves, and snipe may conform to the federal migratory bird rules and regulations adopted annually by the Secretary of Interior of the United States.
(C) DURING THE MIGRATORY CANADA GOOSE (ATLANTIC POPULATION) HUNTING SEASON, THE BAG LIMIT FOR ALL CANADA GEESE IN THE STATE, INCLUDING GEESE FOUND IN THE ATLANTIC FLYWAY RESIDENT POPULATION HUNT ZONE AND THE ATLANTIC POPULATION HUNT ZONE, SHALL CONFORM TO THE BAG LIMIT FOR ATLANTIC POPULATION CANADA GEESE ADOPTED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR’S U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.

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