

HOUSE BILL 892

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CF SB 335

By: **Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, Chisholm, Ghrist, Hutchinson, T. Morgan, Nawrocki, Otto, Rose, Schmidt, and Wivell**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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 certain areas of the State to conform to the bag limit for
5 migratory Canada geese adopted annually by the Department of the Interior's U.S.
6 Fish and Wildlife Service; and generally relating to bag limits for Canada geese.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 10–409

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 10–409.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(B) 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 the Interior of the United States.

(C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN:

(I) ALLEGANY COUNTY;

(II) FREDERICK COUNTY;

(III) GARRETT COUNTY;

(IV) WASHINGTON COUNTY; AND

(V) THE PORTION OF CARROLL COUNTY GEOGRAPHICALLY WEST OF ROUTE 31 AND ROUTE 97.

(2) 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 shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2030, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.