

SENATE BILL 335

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By: **Senator Bailey**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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 for migratory
5 Canada geese adopted annually by the Department of the Interior’s U.S. Fish and
6 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.

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

23 (C) **DURING THE MIGRATORY CANADA GOOSE (ATLANTIC POPULATION)**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2025.