

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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BREWSTER, STACK, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER AND FERLO, OCTOBER 1, 2012

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, OCTOBER 1, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to extend the  
2 hunting season for resident Canada geese in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)  
4 is the agency with ultimate management authority for migratory  
5 game birds; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and  
7 the USFWS, an estimated 155,700 resident Canada geese were  
8 harvested during the 2011-2012 season, October 22 through 29,  
9 November 11 through 26 and December 20 through February 25; and

10 WHEREAS, This total is approximately 77% of the State's  
11 estimated 200,000 resident Canada geese; and

12 WHEREAS, Although resident Canada geese are a tremendously  
13 valuable wildlife resource, increases in their populations have  
14 led to increased crop depredation and nuisance problems in many  
15 areas around the State; and

16 WHEREAS, Extending the hunting season for resident Canada  
17 geese will not only decrease the nuisance caused by the resident  
18 Canada geese but will also allow for increased recreational

1 hunting opportunities for sportsmen in the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 urge the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to extend the  
5 hunting season for resident Canada geese in Pennsylvania; and be  
6 it further

7       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the  
8 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.