

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 27
3 entitled “An act relating to eliminating the statute of limitations on
4 prosecutions for sexual assault” respectfully reports that it has considered the
5 same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4501 is amended to read:

8 § 4501. LIMITATION OF PROSECUTIONS FOR CERTAIN CRIMES

9 (a) Prosecutions for aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault of
10 a child, sexual assault, sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult, human trafficking,
11 aggravated human trafficking, murder, arson causing death, and kidnapping
12 may be commenced at any time after the commission of the offense.

13 (b) Prosecutions for manslaughter, ~~sexual assault~~, lewd and lascivious
14 conduct, ~~sexual exploitation of children under chapter 64 of this title, sexual~~
15 ~~abuse of a vulnerable adult~~, grand larceny, robbery, burglary, embezzlement,
16 forgery, bribery offenses, false claims, fraud under 33 V.S.A. § 141(d), and
17 felony tax offenses shall be commenced within six years after the commission
18 of the offense, and not after.

19 (c) Prosecutions for any of the following offenses alleged to have been
20 committed against a child under 18 years of age shall be commenced within 40
21 years after the commission of the offense, and not after:

1 (1) ~~sexual assault~~ sexual exploitation of children under chapter 64 of this
2 title;

3 (2) lewd and lascivious conduct;

4 (3) sexual exploitation of a minor as defined in subsection 3258(c) of
5 this title;

6 (4) lewd or lascivious conduct with a child; and

7 (5) manslaughter.

8 (d) Prosecutions for arson shall be commenced within 11 years after the
9 commission of the offense, and not after.

10 (e) Prosecutions for other felonies and for misdemeanors shall be
11 commenced within three years after the commission of the offense, and not
12 after.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE