

1 Introduced by Committee on Judiciary

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Criminal procedures; statutes of limitations

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend the  
6 statute of limitations for several crimes.

7 An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations

8 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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

10 § 4501. LIMITATION OF PROSECUTIONS FOR CERTAIN CRIMES

11 (a) Prosecutions for aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault  
12 of a child, sexual assault, first degree aggravated domestic assault, human  
13 trafficking, aggravated human trafficking, murder, manslaughter, maiming,  
14 arson causing death, ~~and~~ kidnapping, unlawful restraint under section 2307 of  
15 this title, sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult under subsection 1379(b) of this  
16 title, lewd and lascivious conduct alleged to have been committed against a  
17 child under 18 years of age under section § 2601 of this title, sexual  
18 exploitation of a minor as defined in subsection 3258(c) of this title, lewd or  
19 lascivious conduct with a child under section § 2602 of this title, and sexual

1 exploitation of children under chapter 64 of this title may be commenced at  
2 any time after the commission of the offense.

3 (b) Prosecutions for ~~manslaughter~~, lewd and lascivious conduct, prohibited  
4 conduct under section 2601a of this title, sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult  
5 under 13 V.S.A. § 1379(a), grand larceny, robbery, burglary, embezzlement,  
6 forgery, bribery offenses, false claims, fraud under 33 V.S.A. § 141(d), and  
7 felony tax offenses shall be commenced within six years after the commission  
8 of the offense, and not after.

9 (c) ~~Prosecutions for any of the following offenses shall be commenced~~  
10 ~~within 40 years after the commission of the offense, and not after:~~

11 (1) ~~lewd and lascivious conduct alleged to have been committed against~~  
12 ~~a child under 18 years of age;~~

13 (2) ~~sexual exploitation of a minor as defined in subsection 3258(c) of this~~  
14 ~~title;~~

15 (3) ~~lewd or lascivious conduct with a child;~~

16 (4) ~~sexual exploitation of children under chapter 64 of this title; and~~

17 (5) ~~manslaughter alleged to have been committed against a child under~~  
18 ~~18 years of age. [Repealed.]~~

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

1           (e) Prosecutions for other felonies and for misdemeanors shall be  
2           commenced within three years after the commission of the offense, and not  
3           after.

4           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5           This act shall take effect on passage.