

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 511
3 entitled “An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations” respectfully reports
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the
5 House that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 44501 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, human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking,
11 murder, manslaughter, arson causing death, and kidnapping may be
12 commenced at any time after the commission of the offense.

13 (b) Prosecutions for ~~manslaughter~~, lewd and lascivious conduct, sexual
14 abuse of a vulnerable adult under subsection 1379(a) of this title, maiming,
15 first degree aggravated domestic assault, grand larceny, robbery, burglary,
16 embezzlement, forgery, bribery offenses, false claims, fraud under 33 V.S.A.
17 § 141(d), and felony tax offenses shall be commenced within six years after the
18 commission of the offense, and not after.

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

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

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

7 (3) lewd or lascivious conduct with a child;

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

9 (5) manslaughter alleged to have been committed against a child under
10 18 years of age; and

11 (6) sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult under subsection 1379(b) of this
12 title.

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

15 (e) Prosecutions for other felonies and for misdemeanors shall be
16 commenced within three years after the commission of the offense, and not
17 after.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE