

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, first degree aggravated domestic assault, human
11 trafficking, aggravated human trafficking, murder, manslaughter, arson causing
12 death, and kidnapping may be commenced at any time after the commission of
13 the offense.

14 (b) Prosecutions for ~~manslaughter~~, lewd and lascivious conduct, sexual
15 abuse of a vulnerable adult, maiming, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

7 (5) manslaughter alleged to have been committed against a child under
8 18 years of age.

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

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

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE