

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, maiming, first degree aggravated domestic assault,  
15 grand larceny, robbery, burglary, embezzlement, forgery, bribery offenses,  
16 false claims, fraud under 33 V.S.A. § 141(d), and felony tax offenses shall be  
17 commenced within six years after the commission of the offense, and not after.

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

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

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

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

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

5           (5) manslaughter alleged to have been committed against a child under  
6 18 years of age.

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

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

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13           This act shall take effect on passage.

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16           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE