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Chair LaLonde, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We were delighted to learn that a Statute of Repose bill ([H.589](#)) has, at last, been introduced in the Vermont House and is now under consideration by the House Judiciary Committee, and trust that you will do your utmost to see it enacted.

As a recent retiree from the Architectural profession, I am in a position to anticipate the sense of relief most keenly; almost all US States have statutes of repose of 6–10 years. Vermont currently has none, which creates long-term uncertainty and risk for small businesses like mine. A 6-year statute of repose would provide fairness and predictability while still protecting consumers, in line with the time limits of run-off insurance that is actually available to cover my firm's former Projects.

My colleagues throughout the Vermont construction industry, Contractors and Consultants alike, look forward to your support, which will help keep our sector productive and competitive in the coming years.

With kind regards,

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Following is a link to an older article penned by esteemed colleague Sandra Vitzthum, AIA where the distinction between Statutes of Limitation and Repose are delineated.  
<https://www.aiavt.org/news-events/news-details/post/lets-suppose-we-impose-a-repose>

The email announcement we received from the Vermont chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA-VT) is also forwarded below

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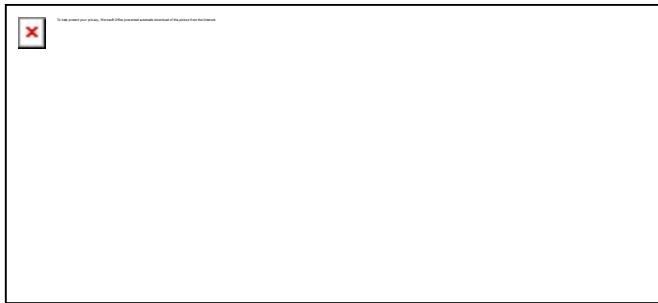
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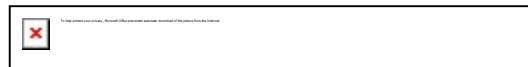
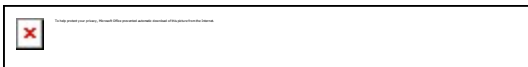
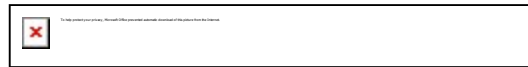
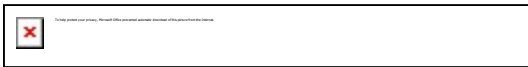
AIA Vermont is pleased to share that a Statute of Repose bill ([H.589](#)) has been introduced in the Vermont House and is now under consideration by the House Judiciary Committee. The bill proposes a six-year statute of repose for construction-related claims. Vermont and New York are currently the only two states without a statute of repose, as shown in this 2025 AIA Compendium document.

Last Thursday, January 22, the committee received a technical walkthrough from legislative counsel to understand the legal framework of the bill. Friday morning marked the first witness testimony, focused on the real-world impacts for architects and builders.

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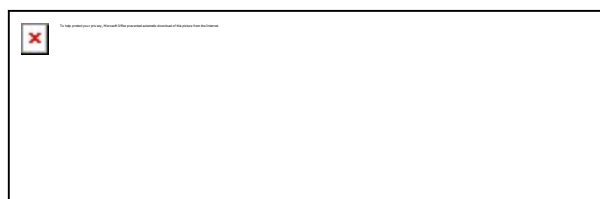
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