

HB 1525 -- STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

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This bill specifies that there is no statute of limitation on any action for damages for personal injury caused to an individual by a person related to them within the third degree by blood or marriage who subjects the individual to sexual contact. Currently, there is a 10 year statute of limitation on this cause of action.

Under current law, there is a 10 year statute of limitations on actions to recover damages for injury or illness caused by childhood sexual abuse. This bill specifies that there shall be no statute of limitations on such actions.

Currently, prosecutions for unlawful sexual offenses involving a person 18 years of age or under must be commenced within 30 years after victim reaches the age of 18. This bill specifies that such prosecutions or any prosecution for child abuse may be commenced at any time.

This bill also changes these provisions in the newly revised criminal code that takes effect January 1, 2017.

This bill is similar to HB 167 (2015).