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2 An act relating to the statute of limitations
3 for prosecuting certain sexual offenses;
4 amending s. 775.15, F.S.; revising the date on
5 which the applicable statute of limitations
6 begins for certain sexual offenses committed
7 against a minor; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 775.15, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 775.15 Time limitations.--

14 (7) If the victim of a violation of s. 794.011, former
15 s. 794.05, Florida Statutes 1995, s. 800.04, or s. 826.04 is
16 under the age of 18 ~~16~~, the applicable period of limitation,
17 if any, does not begin to run until the victim has reached the
18 age of 18 ~~16~~ or the violation is reported to a law enforcement
19 agency or other governmental agency, whichever occurs earlier.
20 Such law enforcement agency or other governmental agency shall
21 promptly report such allegation to the state attorney for the
22 judicial circuit in which the alleged violation occurred. If
23 the offense is a first or second degree felony violation of s.
24 794.011, and the crime is reported within 72 hours after its
25 commission, paragraph (1)(b) applies. This subsection applies
26 to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of which
27 would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before December
28 31, 1984.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

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