

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Sanderson

307-1796-02

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to exploitation of elderly or  
3           disabled adults; amending s. 775.15, F.S.;  
4           revising the statute of limitations for  
5           prosecutions for abuse, aggravated abuse, or  
6           neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult;  
7           specifying a statute of limitations for  
8           prosecutions for exploitation of an elderly  
9           person or disabled adult; providing an  
10          effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section  
15 775.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16           775.15 Time limitations.--

17           (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
18 prosecutions for other offenses are subject to the following  
19 periods of limitation:

20           (g) A prosecution for a felony violation of s. 825.102  
21 or s. 825.103 must be commenced within 5 ~~4~~ years after it is  
22 committed.

23           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 952

- Deletes all references to statute of limitations applicable to civil actions.
- Deletes the newly created language tolling the criminal statute of limitations for exploitation.
- Extends the current 4-year felony statute of limitations for physically abusing or neglecting an elderly person or disabled adult to 5 years.