

HB 0857

2004

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the offense of sexual battery on a  
 3           minor; providing for the statute of limitations for the  
 4           offense of sexual battery on a minor to be tolled during  
 5           the period of a victim's minority; specifying additional  
 6           circumstances under which the statute of limitations for a  
 7           civil or criminal action involving such offense is tolled;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Statute of limitations tolled in cases of  
 13 sexual battery on a minor.--The applicable statute of  
 14 limitations for any civil or criminal action involving the  
 15 offense of sexual battery on a minor shall be tolled during the  
 16 period of the victim's minority and during any period in which  
 17 it is therapeutically determined that:

18           (1) The victim is unable to disclose information  
 19 concerning the incident at issue outside of a clinical setting;

20           (2) It is inadvisable for the victim to confront the  
 21 perpetrator; or

22           (3) It is medically inadvisable for the victim to disclose  
 23 publicly the incident at issue.

24           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.