

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the sexual battery prosecution time
3 limitation; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; creating an
4 exception to the general time limitations which allows
5 a prosecution to be commenced at any time for
6 specified sexual battery offenses against victims
7 younger than a certain age at the time the offense was
8 committed; providing applicability; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (20) is added to section 775.15,
14 Florida Statutes, and subsection (2) of that section is
15 republished, to read:

16 775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;
17 exceptions.—

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

21 (a) A prosecution for a felony of the first degree must be
22 commenced within 4 years after it is committed.

23 (b) A prosecution for any other felony must be commenced
24 within 3 years after it is committed.

25 (c) A prosecution for a misdemeanor of the first degree

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26 | must be commenced within 2 years after it is committed.

27 | (d) A prosecution for a misdemeanor of the second degree
28 | or a noncriminal violation must be commenced within 1 year after
29 | it is committed.

30 | (20) If a victim is younger than 18 years of age at the
31 | time the offense was committed, a prosecution for a violation of
32 | s. 794.011 may be commenced at any time. This subsection applies
33 | to an offense that is not otherwise barred from prosecution on
34 | or before July 1, 2019.

35 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.