

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Davis

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to time limitations for prosecution of  
3           certain sexual battery offenses; amending s. 775.15,  
4           F.S.; revising the time limitations for prosecution of  
5           specified sexual battery offenses committed on victims  
6           18 years of age or older in certain circumstances;  
7           providing applicability; 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 (14) of section 775.15, Florida  
12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;  
14           exceptions.—

15           (14) (a) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony  
16           violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years of age or  
17           older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to  
18           a law enforcement agency within 72 hours after commission of the  
19           offense, may be commenced at any time.

20           (b) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony  
21           violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 18 years of age or  
22           older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to  
23           a law enforcement agency or a person acting within the scope of  
24           his or her practice who is licensed under chapter 458, chapter  
25           459, chapter 490, or chapter 491 within 21 days after commission  
26           of the offense, may be commenced at any time. This paragraph  
27           applies to an offense that is committed on or after July 1,  
28           2023.

29           (c) ~~(b)~~ Except as provided in paragraph (a), ~~or~~ paragraph

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30 (13) (b), or subsection (20), a prosecution for a first or second  
31 degree felony violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years  
32 of age or older at the time of the offense, must be commenced  
33 within 8 years after the violation is committed. This paragraph  
34 applies to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of  
35 which would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before July  
36 1, 2015.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.