

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB1063

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/3-5 from Ch. 38, par. 3-5 720 ILCS 5/3-6 from Ch. 38, par. 3-6

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a prosecution for any sex offense may be commenced at any time if the victim was under 18 years of age at the time of the offense.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing

 Sections 3-5 and 3-6 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/3-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 3-5)
- 7 Sec. 3-5. General Limitations.
 - (a) A prosecution for: (1) first degree murder, attempt to commit first degree murder, second degree murder, involuntary manslaughter, reckless homicide, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving death or personal injuries under Section 11-401 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, failing to give information and render aid under Section 11-403 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, concealment of homicidal death, treason, arson, aggravated arson, forgery, child pornography under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 11-20.1, aggravated child pornography under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 11-20.1B, or (2) any offense involving sexual conduct or sexual penetration, as defined by Section 11-0.1 of this Code in which the DNA profile of the offender is obtained and entered into a DNA database within 10 years after the commission of the offense, or (3) any offense: (A) under Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 or (B)

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- criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, 1 2 predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated 3 criminal sexual abuse, or criminal sexual abuse when the victim of any of the offenses listed in clause (A) or (B) of this 4 5 paragraph (3) was under 18 years of age at the time of the offense, may be commenced at any time. Clause (2) of this 6 subsection (a) applies if either: (i) the victim reported the 7 offense to law enforcement authorities within 3 years after the 8 9 commission of the offense unless a longer period for reporting 10 the offense to law enforcement authorities is provided in 11 Section 3-6 or (ii) the victim is murdered during the course of 12 the offense or within 2 years after the commission of the 13 offense.
 - (b) Unless the statute describing the offense provides otherwise, or the period of limitation is extended by Section 3-6, a prosecution for any offense not designated in Subsection (a) must be commenced within 3 years after the commission of the offense if it is a felony, or within one year and 6 months after its commission if it is a misdemeanor.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 95-899, eff. 1-1-09; 96-292, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)
- 22 (720 ILCS 5/3-6) (from Ch. 38, par. 3-6)
- Sec. 3-6. Extended limitations. The period within which a prosecution must be commenced under the provisions of Section 3-5 or other applicable statute is extended under the following

conditions:

- (a) A prosecution for theft involving a breach of a fiduciary obligation to the aggrieved person may be commenced as follows:
 - (1) If the aggrieved person is a minor or a person under legal disability, then during the minority or legal disability or within one year after the termination thereof.
 - (2) In any other instance, within one year after the discovery of the offense by an aggrieved person, or by a person who has legal capacity to represent an aggrieved person or has a legal duty to report the offense, and is not himself or herself a party to the offense; or in the absence of such discovery, within one year after the proper prosecuting officer becomes aware of the offense. However, in no such case is the period of limitation so extended more than 3 years beyond the expiration of the period otherwise applicable.
- (b) A prosecution for any offense based upon misconduct in office by a public officer or employee may be commenced within one year after discovery of the offense by a person having a legal duty to report such offense, or in the absence of such discovery, within one year after the proper prosecuting officer becomes aware of the offense. However, in no such case is the period of limitation so extended more than 3 years beyond the expiration of the period otherwise applicable.

(b-5) When the victim is under 18 years of age at the time of the offense, a prosecution for involuntary servitude, involuntary sexual servitude of a minor, or trafficking in persons and related offenses under Section 10-9 of this Code may be commenced within one year of the victim attaining the age of 18 years. However, in no such case shall the time period for prosecution expire sooner than 3 years after the commission of the offense.

- (c) (Blank).
- (d) (Blank). A prosecution for child pornography, aggravated child pornography, indecent solicitation of a child, soliciting for a juvenile prostitute, juvenile pimping, exploitation of a child, or promoting juvenile prostitution except for keeping a place of juvenile prostitution may be commenced within one year of the victim attaining the age of 18 years. However, in no such case shall the time period for prosecution expire sooner than 3 years after the commission of the offense. When the victim is under 18 years of age, a prosecution for criminal sexual abuse may be commenced within one year of the victim attaining the age of 18 years. However, in no such case shall the time period for prosecution expire sooner than 3 years after the commission of the offense.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (j), a prosecution for any offense involving sexual conduct or sexual penetration, as defined in Section 11-0.1 of this Code, where the defendant was within a professional or fiduciary

- 1 relationship or a purported professional or fiduciary
- 2 relationship with the victim at the time of the commission of
- 3 the offense may be commenced within one year after the
- 4 discovery of the offense by the victim.
- 5 (f) A prosecution for any offense set forth in Section 44
- of the "Environmental Protection Act", approved June 29, 1970,
- as amended, may be commenced within 5 years after the discovery
- 8 of such an offense by a person or agency having the legal duty
- 9 to report the offense or in the absence of such discovery,
- 10 within 5 years after the proper prosecuting officer becomes
- 11 aware of the offense.
- 12 (f-5) A prosecution for any offense set forth in Section
- 13 16-30 of this Code may be commenced within 5 years after the
- 14 discovery of the offense by the victim of that offense.
- 15 (g) (Blank).
- 16 (h) (Blank).
- 17 (i) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (j), a
- 18 prosecution for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal
- 19 sexual assault, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse may be
- 20 commenced within 10 years of the commission of the offense if
- 21 the victim reported the offense to law enforcement authorities
- within 3 years after the commission of the offense.
- Nothing in this subdivision (i) shall be construed to
- 24 shorten a period within which a prosecution must be commenced
- 25 under any other provision of this Section.
- 26 (j) When the victim is under 18 years of age at the time of

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the offense, a prosecution for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, or felony criminal sexual abuse, or a prosecution for failure of a person who is required to report an alleged or suspected commission of criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, or felony criminal sexual abuse any of these offenses under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act may be commenced within 20 years after the child victim attains 18 years of age. When the victim is under 18 years of age at the time of the offense, a prosecution for misdemeanor criminal sexual abuse may be commenced within 10 years the child victim attains 18 years of age.

Nothing in this subdivision (j) shall be construed to shorten a period within which a prosecution must be commenced under any other provision of this Section.

A prosecution for theft involving real property exceeding \$100,000 in value under Section 16-1, identity theft under subsection (a) of Section 16-30, aggravated identity theft under subsection (b) of Section 16-30, or any offense set forth in Article 16H or Section 17-10.6 may be commenced within 7 years of the last act committed in furtherance of the crime. (Source: P.A. 96-233, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1551, Article 2, Section

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25 1035, eff. 7-1-11; 96-1551, Article 10, Section 10-140, eff.

7-1-11; 97-597, eff. 1-1-12; 97-897, eff. 1-1-13.) 26