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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a civil action for an injury to an individual that involves certain sex offenses must be brought within six years.

This bill would expand the statute of limitations for certain sex offenses.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to commencement of actions; to amend Section 6-2-8, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the statute of limitations for civil actions involving certain sex offenses and to provide for retroactive effect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 6-2-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§6-2-8

(a) If anyone entitled to commence any of the actions enumerated in this chapter, to make an entry on land, or to enter a defense founded on the title to real property ~~is,~~ at the time the right accrues, is below ~~the age of~~ 19 years of age, or insane, he or she shall have three years, or the



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29 period allowed by law for the commencement of an action if it  
30 be less than three years, after the termination of the  
31 disability to commence ~~an~~the action, make entry, or defend.  
32 No disability shall extend the period of limitations so as to  
33 allow an action to be commenced, entry made, or defense made  
34 after the lapse of 20 years from the time the claim or right  
35 accrued. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as  
36 denying any imprisoned person the right to commence an action  
37 enumerated in this chapter and to make any proper appearances  
38 on his or her behalf in such actions.

39 (b) (1) If anyone entitled to commence any of the  
40 actions enumerated in this chapter ~~is,~~ at the time the right  
41 accrues, ~~is~~ below ~~the age of~~ 19 years, ~~of age~~ or insane, and  
42 the injury upon which the action is based arises from a sex  
43 offense as described in Section 15-20A-5, he or she shall have  
44 ~~six~~36 years after the termination of the disability to  
45 commence the action.

46 (2) This subsection shall apply retroactively to sex  
47 offenses that occurred prior to October 1, 2025, irrespective  
48 of any statute of limitations in effect at the time the  
49 offense occurred.

50 (3) An individual of any age who was time-barred from  
51 filing a civil action for recovery of damages suffered as a  
52 result of a sex offense as described in Section 15-20A-5, due  
53 to the expiration of the statute of limitations in effect  
54 prior to October 1, 2025, may file a civil action for a period  
55 of two years following October 1, 2025.

56 (c) When both disabilities coexist at the time the



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57 claim accrued, the limitation does not attach until both are  
58 removed.

59 (d) A disability ~~which~~that did not exist when a claim  
60 accrued does not suspend the operation of the limitation  
61 unless the contrary is expressly provided."

62 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
63 1, 2025.