

SENATE BILL 1234

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28, Chapter 3; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to sexual assault.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding §§ 28-3-104 and 28-3-118, a civil action or an injury or illness based on a sexual assault that occurred when the injured person was eighteen (18) years of age or older and is barred as of July 1, 2025, because the applicable period of limitation has expired, is hereby revived and action thereon may be commenced not earlier than six (6) months after, and not later than two (2) years after July 1, 2025.

(b) Dismissal of a previous action, ordered before July 1, 2025, on grounds that the previous action was time-barred is not grounds for dismissal of a revival action pursuant to this section.

(c) As used in this section, "sexual assault" means an offense involving rape, as described in § 39-13-502, § 39-13-503, or § 39-13-534; sexual battery, as described in § 39-13-504, § 39-13-505, or § 39-13-527; or incest, as described in § 39-15-302.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.