

112TH CONGRESS
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S. 3534

To amend the statute of limitations for civil actions regarding terrorist acts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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regarding terrorist acts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Victims of
5 Terrorism Justice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CIVIL ACTIONS RE-**
7 **GARDING TERRORIST ACTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2335 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “four years”
11 and inserting “10 years”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “four years”
2 and inserting “10 years”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to—

5 (1) proceedings pending in any form on the
6 date of the enactment of this Act;

7 (2) proceedings commenced on or after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act; and

9 (3) any civil action brought for recovery of
10 damages under section 2333 of title 18, United
11 States Code, provided that such action is filed not
12 later than 6 years after the date of enactment of
13 this subsection.

14 (c) EFFECT OF DISMISSED CAUSES OF ACTION.—
15 Any private civil action arising from a violation of the
16 Anti-Terrorism Act of 1991 may be refiled not later than
17 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act if the ac-
18 tion—

19 (1) was dismissed as time barred prior to the
20 date of enactment of this Act; and

21 (2) would have been timely filed pursuant to
22 section 2335 of title 18, United States Code, as
23 amended by this section.

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