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H.B. No. 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to elimination of limitations periods for suits for  
3 personal injury arising from certain offenses against a child or  
4 disabled individual.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.003(a), Civil Practice and Remedies  
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Sections 16.010, 16.0031, ~~and~~  
9 16.0045, and 16.0046, a person must bring suit for trespass for  
10 injury to the estate or to the property of another, conversion of  
11 personal property, taking or detaining the personal property of  
12 another, personal injury, forcible entry and detainer, and forcible  
13 detainer not later than two years after the day the cause of action  
14 accrues.

15 SECTION 2. Section 16.0045(c), Civil Practice and Remedies  
16 Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 (c) In an action for injury resulting in death arising as a  
18 result of conduct described by Subsection ~~[(a) or]~~ (b), the cause of  
19 action accrues on the death of the injured person.

20 SECTION 3. Section 16.0045(a), Civil Practice and Remedies  
21 Code, is redesignated as Section 16.0046, Civil Practice and  
22 Remedies Code, and amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 16.0046. NO LIMITATIONS PERIOD. ~~[(a)]~~ A person may  
24 ~~[must]~~ bring a suit for personal injury at any time ~~[not later than~~

1 ~~30 years after the day the cause of action accrues]~~ if the injury  
2 arises as a result of conduct that violates:

3 (1) Section 22.011(a)(2), Penal Code (sexual assault  
4 of a child);

5 (2) Section 22.021(a)(1)(B), Penal Code (aggravated  
6 sexual assault of a child);

7 (3) Section 21.02, Penal Code (continuous sexual abuse  
8 of young child or disabled individual);

9 (4) Section 20A.02(a)(7)(A), (B), (C), (D), or (H) or  
10 Section 20A.02(a)(8), Penal Code, involving an activity described  
11 by Section 20A.02(a)(7)(A), (B), (C), (D), or (H) or sexual conduct  
12 with a child or disabled individual trafficked in the manner  
13 described by Section 20A.02(a)(7), Penal Code (certain sexual  
14 trafficking);

15 (5) Section 43.05(a)(2) or (3), Penal Code (compelling  
16 prostitution by a child or disabled individual); or

17 (6) Section 21.11, Penal Code (indecenty with a  
18 child).

19 SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided by this section, the  
20 changes in law made by this Act apply to a cause of action that  
21 accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

22 (b) Except as provided by this section, the changes in law  
23 made by this Act apply retroactively to a cause of action arising  
24 out of child sexual abuse that occurred before the effective date of  
25 this Act, regardless of any statute of limitations in effect at the  
26 time the cause of action accrued.

27 (c) The changes in law made by this Act do not affect a

1 judgment in litigation:

2           (1) that became final before the effective date of  
3 this Act; and

4           (2) for which the limitations period applicable to the  
5 cause of action before the effective date of this Act was not  
6 determinative.

7           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.