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1 AN ACT Relating to making felony sex offenses a crime that may be  
2 prosecuted at any time after its commission; and amending RCW  
3 9A.04.080.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.04.080 and 2013 c 17 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Prosecutions for criminal offenses shall not be commenced  
8 after the periods prescribed in this section.

9 (a) The following offenses may be prosecuted at any time after  
10 their commission:

11 (i) Murder;

12 (ii) Homicide by abuse;

13 (iii) Arson if a death results;

14 (iv) Vehicular homicide;

15 (v) Vehicular assault if a death results;

16 (vi) Hit-and-run injury-accident if a death results (RCW  
17 46.52.020(4));

18 (vii) Rape in the first degree;

19 (viii) Rape in the second degree;

20 (ix) Rape in the third degree;

21 (x) Rape of a child in the first degree;

- 1 (xi) Rape of a child in the second degree;  
2 (xii) Rape of a child in the third degree;  
3 (xiii) Child molestation in the first degree;  
4 (xiv) Child molestation in the second degree;  
5 (xv) Child molestation in the third degree;  
6 (xvi) Sexual misconduct with a minor in the first degree;  
7 (xvii) Indecent liberties;  
8 (xviii) Sexually violating human remains;  
9 (xix) Voyeurism;  
10 (xx) Custodial sexual misconduct in the first degree;  
11 (xxi) Incest in the first degree;  
12 (xxii) Incest in the second degree;  
13 (xxiii) Sexual exploitation of a minor;  
14 (xxiv) Communication with minor for immoral purposes (RCW  
15 9.68A.090(2));  
16 (xxv) Commercial sexual abuse of a minor;  
17 (xxvi) Promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor;  
18 (xxvii) Promoting travel for commercial sexual abuse of a minor.

19 (b) ~~((Except as provided in (c) of this subsection,))~~ The  
20 following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than ten years after  
21 their commission:

22 (i) Any felony committed by a public officer if the commission is  
23 in connection with the duties of his or her office or constitutes a  
24 breach of his or her public duty or a violation of the oath of  
25 office; or

26 (ii) Arson if no death results(~~+~~

27 ~~(iii)(A) Violations of RCW 9A.44.040 or 9A.44.050 if the rape is~~  
28 ~~reported to a law enforcement agency within one year of its~~  
29 ~~commission.~~

30 ~~(B) If a violation of RCW 9A.44.040 or 9A.44.050 is not reported~~  
31 ~~within one year, the rape may not be prosecuted more than three years~~  
32 ~~after its commission; or~~

33 ~~(iv) Indecent liberties under RCW 9A.44.100(1)(b).~~

34 ~~(c) Violations of the following statutes, when committed against~~  
35 ~~a victim under the age of eighteen, may be prosecuted up to the~~  
36 ~~victim's thirtieth birthday: RCW 9A.44.040 (rape in the first~~  
37 ~~degree), 9A.44.050 (rape in the second degree), 9A.44.073 (rape of a~~  
38 ~~child in the first degree), 9A.44.076 (rape of a child in the second~~  
39 ~~degree), 9A.44.079 (rape of a child in the third degree), 9A.44.083~~  
40 ~~(child molestation in the first degree), 9A.44.086 (child molestation~~

1 in the second degree), ~~9A.44.089 (child molestation in the third~~  
2 ~~degree), 9A.44.100(1)(b) (indecent liberties), 9A.64.020 (incest), or~~  
3 ~~9.68A.040 (sexual exploitation of a minor))~~.

4 ~~((d))~~ (c) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more  
5 than six years after their commission or their discovery, whichever  
6 occurs later:

7 (i) Violations of RCW 9A.82.060 or 9A.82.080;

8 (ii) Any felony violation of chapter 9A.83 RCW;

9 (iii) Any felony violation of chapter 9.35 RCW;

10 (iv) Theft in the first or second degree under chapter 9A.56 RCW  
11 when accomplished by color or aid of deception; or

12 (v) Trafficking in stolen property in the first or second degree  
13 under chapter 9A.82 RCW in which the stolen property is a motor  
14 vehicle or major component part of a motor vehicle as defined in RCW  
15 46.80.010.

16 ~~((e))~~ (d) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more  
17 than five years after their commission: Any class C felony under  
18 chapter 74.09, 82.36, or 82.38 RCW.

19 ~~((f))~~ (e) Bigamy shall not be prosecuted more than three years  
20 after the time specified in RCW 9A.64.010.

21 ~~((g))~~ (f) A violation of RCW 9A.56.030 must not be prosecuted  
22 more than three years after the discovery of the offense when the  
23 victim is a tax exempt corporation under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3).

24 ~~((h))~~ (g) No other felony may be prosecuted more than three  
25 years after its commission; except that in a prosecution under RCW  
26 9A.44.115, if the person who was viewed, photographed, or filmed did  
27 not realize at the time that he or she was being viewed,  
28 photographed, or filmed, the prosecution must be commenced within two  
29 years of the time the person who was viewed or in the photograph or  
30 film first learns that he or she was viewed, photographed, or filmed.

31 ~~((i))~~ (h) No gross misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than two  
32 years after its commission.

33 ~~((j))~~ (i) No misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than one year  
34 after its commission.

35 (2) The periods of limitation prescribed in subsection (1) of  
36 this section do not run during any time when the person charged is  
37 not usually and publicly resident within this state.

38 (3) In any prosecution for a sex offense as defined in RCW  
39 9.94A.030, the periods of limitation prescribed in subsection (1) of  
40 this section run from the date of commission or one year from the

1 date on which the identity of the suspect is conclusively established  
2 by deoxyribonucleic acid testing or by photograph as defined in RCW  
3 9.68A.011, whichever is later.

4 (4) If, before the end of a period of limitation prescribed in  
5 subsection (1) of this section, an indictment has been found or a  
6 complaint or an information has been filed, and the indictment,  
7 complaint, or information is set aside, then the period of limitation  
8 is extended by a period equal to the length of time from the finding  
9 or filing to the setting aside.

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