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1 AN ACT Relating to extending the statute of limitations for
2 bringing criminal charges of sexual abuse; and amending RCW 9A.04.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.04.080 and 1989 c 317 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

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

10 (i) Murder;

11 (ii) Arson if a death results.

12 (b) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than ten
13 years after their commission:

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

4 (ii) Arson if no death results.

5 (c) Violations of the following statutes shall not be prosecuted
6 more than three years after the victim's eighteenth birthday (~~(or)~~),
7 more than (~~seven~~) ten years after their commission, or more than
8 three years after the time the victim discovered or reasonably should
9 have discovered the perpetrator's violation of any of the following
10 statutes, whichever is (~~later~~) the latest:

11 (i) RCW 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086, 9A.44.070,
12 9A.44.080, or 9A.44.100(1)(b); or

13 (ii) If the victim was under the age of fourteen years of age at
14 the time of the commission of the offense, RCW 9A.44.040, 9A.44.050, or
15 9A.64.020.

16 (d) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than six
17 years after their commission: Violations of RCW 9A.82.060 or
18 9A.82.080.

19 (e) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than five
20 years after their commission: Any class C felony under chapter 74.09
21 RCW.

22 (f) Bigamy shall not be prosecuted more than three years after the
23 time specified in RCW 9A.64.010.

24 (g) No other felony may be prosecuted more than three years after
25 its commission.

26 (h) No gross misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than two years
27 after its commission.

28 (i) No misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than one year after its
29 commission.

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

4 (3) 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 or
9 filing to the setting aside.