

Statute of Limitations for Rape and Sexually Violent Crimes; HB 2252

HB 2252 allows a prosecution for rape or aggravated criminal sodomy to be commenced at any time. Additionally, the bill allows for prosecution of a sexually violent crime to commence within ten years when the victim is 18 years old or older. When the victim is under 18 years, the bill allows for prosecution of a sexually violent crime to commence within one year of the date the identity of the suspect is conclusively established by DNA testing, or within ten years (increased from the former period of five years) of the date the victim turns 18 years of age, whichever is later.