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INTRODUCED BY MERCURI, BRENNAN, GUENST AND MARSHALL,
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time,
3 further providing for no limitation applicable.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5551 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5551. No limitation applicable.

9 (a) General rule.--A prosecution for the following offenses
10 may be commenced at any time:

11 (1) Murder.

12 (2) Voluntary manslaughter.

13 (3) Conspiracy to commit murder or solicitation to
14 commit murder if a murder results from the conspiracy or
15 solicitation.

16 (4) Any felony alleged to have been perpetrated in
17 connection with a murder of the first or second degree, as
18 set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2502(a) or (b) and (d) (relating to

1 murder).

2 (5) A violation of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3742 (relating to
3 accidents involving death or personal injury) or 3732
4 (relating to homicide by vehicle) if the accused was the
5 driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in the
6 death of any person.

7 (6) A violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1), (2), (4) or
8 (7) (relating to aggravated assault) if the accused knew the
9 victim was a law enforcement officer and the law enforcement
10 officer was acting within the scope of the officer's duties.

11 (7) An offense under any of the following provisions of
12 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses), or a conspiracy
13 or solicitation to commit an offense under any of the
14 following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. if the offense results
15 from the conspiracy or solicitation, if the victim was under
16 18 years of age at the time of the offense:

17 Section 3011(b) (relating to trafficking in
18 individuals).

19 Section 3012 (relating to involuntary servitude) as
20 it relates to sexual servitude.

21 Section 3121 (relating to rape).

22 Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual
23 assault).

24 Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual
25 intercourse).

26 Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).

27 Section 3124.2 (relating to institutional sexual
28 assault).

29 Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent
30 assault).

1 Section 4302 (relating to incest).

2 (8) An offense under any of the following provisions of
3 18 Pa.C.S., or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit an
4 offense under any of the following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S.
5 if the offense results from the conspiracy or solicitation,
6 if the victim is a nonverbal care-dependent person at the
7 time of the offense:

8 Section 2701 (relating to simple assault).

9 Section 2702.

10 Section 2713 (relating to neglect of care-dependent
11 person).

12 Section 2713.1 (relating to abuse of care-dependent
13 person).

14 Section 2718 (relating to strangulation).

15 Section 3121.

16 Section 3122.1.

17 Section 3123.

18 Section 3124.1.

19 Section 3124.2.

20 Section 3125.

21 Section 3126 (relating to indecent assault).

22 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
23 "nonverbal care-dependent person" shall mean an individual who
24 is 18 years of age or older who, due to physical or cognitive
25 disability or impairment, requires assistance to meet the
26 individual's needs for food, shelter, clothing, personal care or
27 health care and has significantly subaverage general
28 intellectual functioning that is accompanied by significant
29 limitations in the adaptive function of communication.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.