

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 790

HOUSE BILL NO. 1906

By Representatives McCalmon, Russell, Todd, Powell, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1801

By Senators Johnson, Yager, Haile, Akbari, Rose, Stevens, Walley, Campbell, Jackson, Oliver, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28 and Title 39, relative to limitations of actions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 28-3-116(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(5) "Trafficking for a commercial sex act" means any act set out in § 39-13-309(a), that occurred when the victim was a minor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 28-3-116(a)(2), is amended by adding "or trafficking for a commercial sex act" after "child sexual abuse" wherever it appears.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 28-3-116(c)(1), is amended by adding "or trafficking for a commercial sex act" after "child sexual abuse" wherever it appears.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 28-3-116(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(e) If an action is brought against someone other than the alleged perpetrator of the child sexual abuse or trafficking for a commercial sex act, and if the action is brought more than one (1) year from the date the injured person attains the age of majority, then the injured person must offer admissible and credible evidence corroborating the claim of abuse or trafficking by the alleged perpetrator.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 28-3-116, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c) and redesignating the existing subsections accordingly:

(c) Notwithstanding § 28-3-104, a civil action for an injury or illness based on trafficking for a commercial sex act that occurred when the injured person was a minor must be brought:

(1) For a commercial sex act that occurred before July 1, 2024, but was not discovered at the time of the commercial sex act, within three (3) years from the time discovery of the abuse by the injured person; or

(2) For a commercial sex act that occurred on or after July 1, 2024, within thirty (30) years from the date the person becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2024

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APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2024 Richard Car

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