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SWANGER, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND PARKER,  
MARCH 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 6, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in  
3 criminal proceedings, for no limitation applicable for  
4 certain offenses and for limitation period for major sexual  
5 offenses.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

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

10 § 5551. No limitation applicable.

11 A prosecution for the following offenses may be commenced at  
12 any time:

13 (1) Murder.

14 (2) Voluntary manslaughter.

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

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

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

10 (6) Sexual assault as set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. § 3124.1  
11 (relating to sexual assault).

12 Section 2. Section 5552(b.1) of Title 42, amended July 7,  
13 2006 (P.L.378, No.81), is amended to read:

14 § 5552. Other offenses.

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16 (b.1) Major sexual offenses.--A prosecution for any of the  
17 following offenses under Title 18 must be commenced within 12  
18 years after it is committed:

19 Section 3121 (relating to rape).

20 Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual  
21 assault).

22 Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual  
23 intercourse).

24 [Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).]

25 Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent  
26 assault).

27 Section 4302 (relating to incest).

28 Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).

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30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.