



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5280

LCO No. 1372

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PERJURY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-193 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3 *applicable to any offense committed on or after said date and to any offense*
4 *committed prior to said date for which the statute of limitations in effect at the*
5 *time of the commission of the offense had not yet expired as of said date*):

6 (a) There shall be no limitation of time within which a person may
7 be prosecuted for (1) a capital felony, a class A felony or a violation of
8 section 53a-54d or 53a-169, or (2) a violation of section 53a-156 if the
9 statement that forms the basis for such violation relates to the
10 commission of an offense set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

11 (b) No person may be prosecuted for any offense, [except a capital
12 felony, a class A felony or a violation of section 53a-54d or 53a-169]
13 other than an offense set forth in subsection (a) of this section, for
14 which the punishment is or may be imprisonment in excess of one
15 year, except within five years next after the offense has been

16 committed.

17 (c) No person may be prosecuted for any [other] offense, [except a
 18 capital felony, a class A felony or a violation of section 53a-54d or 53a-
 19 169] other than an offense set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of this
 20 section, except within one year next after the offense has been
 21 committed.

22 [(c)] (d) If the person against whom an indictment, information or
 23 complaint for any of said offenses is brought has fled from and resided
 24 out of this state during the period so limited, it may be brought against
 25 such person at any time within such period, during which such person
 26 resides in this state, after the commission of the offense.

27 [(d)] (e) When any suit, indictment, information or complaint for
 28 any crime may be brought within any other time than is limited by this
 29 section, it shall be brought within such time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage and applicable to any offense committed on or after said date and to any offense committed prior to said date for which the statute of limitations in effect at the time of the commission of the offense had not yet expired as of said date</i>	54-193

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that there shall be no limitation of time within which a person may be prosecuted for perjury if the false statement related to the commission of a murder or other serious offense for which there is no statute of limitations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]