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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME LIMITATION FOR PROSECUTING A MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION THAT RESULTS IN DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON.

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 Section 54-193 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) There shall be no limitation of time within which a person may
4 be prosecuted for (1) a capital felony under the provisions of section
5 53a-54b in effect prior to April 25, 2012, a class A felony or a violation
6 of section 53a-54d or 53a-169, (2) a violation of section 53a-165aa or
7 53a-166 in which such person renders criminal assistance to another
8 person who has committed an offense set forth in subdivision (1) of
9 this subsection, or (3) a violation of section 53a-156 committed during a
10 proceeding that results in the conviction of another person
11 subsequently determined to be actually innocent of the offense or
12 offenses of which such other person was convicted.

13 (b) No person may be prosecuted for any offense, other than an

14 offense set forth in subsection (a) of this section, for which the
15 punishment is or may be imprisonment in excess of one year, except
16 within five years next after the offense has been committed.

17 (c) No person may be prosecuted for any offense, other than an
18 offense set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of this section, except within
19 one year next after the offense has been committed.

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

25 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this
26 section, there shall be no limitation of time within which a person may
27 be prosecuted in the case of a motor vehicle violation that caused the
28 death or serious physical injury, as defined in section 53a-3, of another
29 person during any period the person's identity is unknown to the
30 peace officer or prosecutorial official in charge of such case as a result
31 of such person evading responsibility for the violation.

32 [(e)] (f) When any suit, indictment, information or complaint for any
33 crime may be brought within any other time than is limited by this
34 section, it shall be brought within such time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	54-193

Statement of Purpose:

To toll the statute of limitation on the prosecution of a motor vehicle violation that caused the death or serious physical injury of another person if the offender evaded responsibility for the violation and the offender's identity is therefore unknown.

[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.]