
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 461

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST THE ELDERLY.

SUMMARY

This bill extends the criminal statute of limitations for crimes against the elderly (i.e., age 60 or older) to five years after the sooner of (1) discovery of the offense while investigating exploitation of the elderly person or (2) the elderly person's death. The bill does not apply if existing law provides a longer statute of limitations.

Under existing law, the default criminal statute of limitations is five years for felonies or one year for misdemeanors, calculated from the time the crime was allegedly committed. There is (1) a longer period for certain crimes and (2) no time limit on prosecuting someone for certain other serious crimes, such as murder, other class A felonies, and certain sexual assault crimes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022, and applicable to (1) offenses committed on or after that date and (2) offenses committed earlier if the statute of limitations then in effect had not expired as of October 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/31/2022)