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**SENATE BILL NO. 840**  
**91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Judiciary, May 13, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 840 Do Pass.

TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 516.097, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to statute of repose for certain design professionals.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 516.097, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 516.097, to read as follows:

516.097. 1. Any action to recover damages for **economic loss**, personal injury, property damage or wrongful death arising out of a defective or unsafe condition of any improvement to real property, including any action for contribution or indemnity for damages sustained on account of the defect or unsafe condition, shall be commenced within ten years of the date on which [any] such improvement is completed.

2. This section shall only apply to actions against any person whose sole connection with the improvement is performing or furnishing, in whole or in part, the design, planning or construction, including architectural, engineering or construction services, of the improvement.

3. If any action is commenced against any person specified by subsection 2[, any] **of this section**, such person may, within one year of the date of the filing of such [an] action, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 **of this section**, commence an action or a third party action for contribution or indemnity for damages sustained or claimed in any action because of **economic loss**, personal injury, property

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

damage or wrongful death arising out of a defective or unsafe condition of any improvement to real property.

4. This section shall not apply [if]:

(1) **If** an action is barred by another provision of law;

(2) **If** a person conceals any defect or deficiency in the design, planning or construction, including architectural, engineering or construction services, in an improvement for real property, if the defect or deficiency so concealed directly results in the defective or unsafe condition for which the action is brought;

(3) [The] **To limit any** action [is] brought against any owner or possessor of real estate or improvements [thereon] **on such real estate.**

5. The statute of limitation for buildings completed on August 13, 1976, shall begin to run on August 13, 1976, and shall be for the time specified [herein] **in this section.**

**6. Notwithstanding subsection 1 of section 516.097, if an occupancy permit is issued, the ten year period shall commence on the date the occupancy permit is issued.**

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