

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 1359

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATORS JACOB AND BRAY.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 556.037, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses.

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

Section A. Section 556.037, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 556.037, to read as follows:

556.037. **Notwithstanding** the provisions of section 556.036, [to the contrary notwithstanding,] prosecutions for unlawful sexual offenses involving a person eighteen years of age or under must be commenced within [ten] **twenty** years after the victim reaches the age of eighteen **unless the prosecutions are for forcible rape, attempted forcible rape, forcible sodomy, or attempted forcible sodomy in which case such prosecutions may be commenced at any time.**

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