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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §55-2-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 generally to limitations on civil actions accruing to persons under legal disability; and  
3 establishing the limitation on actions against the perpetrator of sexual assault or sexual  
4 abuse upon a minor to be four years upon reaching the age of majority or four years upon  
5 discovery of the sexual assault or sexual abuse, whichever is longer.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §55-2-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS AND SUITS.**

**§55-2-15. Special and general savings as to persons under disability.**

1 (a) A personal action for damages resulting from sexual assault or sexual abuse of a  
2 person who was an infant at the time of the act or acts alleged, shall be brought against the  
3 perpetrator of the sexual assault or abuse within four years after reaching the age of majority or  
4 within four years after discovery of the sexual assault or sexual abuse, whichever is longer.

5 (b) If any person to whom the right accrues to bring any personal action other than an  
6 action described in subsection (a) of this section, suit or scire facias, or any bill to repeal a grant,  
7 shall be, at the time the same accrues, an infant or insane, the same may be brought within the  
8 like number of years after his or her becoming of full age or sane that is allowed to a person  
9 having no such impediment to bring the same after the right accrues, or after such  
10 acknowledgment as is mentioned in section eight of this article, except that it shall in no case be  
11 brought after twenty years from the time when the right accrues.

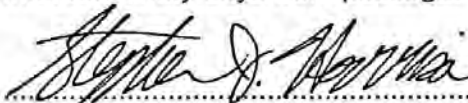
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

  
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Chairman, House Committee

  
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Chairman, Senate Committee

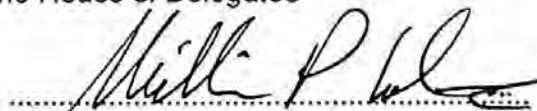
Originating in the House.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

  
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President of the Senate

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The within is ..... approved this the 24<sup>th</sup> .....  
day of March ....., 2016.

  
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