Assembly Bill No. 145–Assemblymen Krasner, Bustamante Adams; Bilbray-Axelrod, Carrillo, Joiner, Kramer, Titus, Tolles, Watkins, Wheeler and Woodbury

> Joint Sponsors: Senators Denis; Cannizzaro, Gansert, Gustavson, Harris and Kieckhefer

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AN ACT relating to civil actions; extending the statute of limitations for certain civil actions for damages to a person for injuries incurred as a child as a result of sexual abuse or pornography; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill extends the time by which a civil action to recover damages arising from the sexual abuse of a person who is less than 18 years of age must be commenced from 10 years to 20 years after the person reaches 18 years of age or discovers or should have discovered that an injury was caused by the sexual abuse, whichever is later. This bill also extends the time by which a civil action to recover damages arising from the appearance of a person who is less than 16 years of age in pornographic material must be commenced from 3 years to 20 years after the person reaches 18 years of age or after a court enters a verdict in a related criminal case, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 11.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.215 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 217.007, an action to recover damages for an injury to a person arising from the sexual abuse of the plaintiff which occurred when the plaintiff was less than 18 years of age must be commenced within $\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$ years after the plaintiff:

(a) Reaches 18 years of age; or

(b) Discovers or reasonably should have discovered that his or her injury was caused by the sexual abuse,

→ whichever occurs later.

2. An action to recover damages pursuant to NRS 41.1396 must be commenced within $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} 20$ years after the occurrence of the following, whichever is later:

(a) The court enters a verdict in a related criminal case; or

(b) The victim reaches the age of 18 years.



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3. As used in this section, "sexual abuse" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.100.

Sec. 2. The period of limitations on actions set forth in NRS 11.215, as amended by section 1 of this act:

1. Applies to a cause of action that accrued before the effective date of this act, if the applicable period of limitations has commenced but not yet expired on the effective date of this act.

2. Must not be construed to revive any claim barred by a period of limitations.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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