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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 471 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH,  
SMITH, VOGEL, BOSCOLA AND WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time,  
3 further providing for infancy, insanity or imprisonment.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5533(b)(2)(i) of Title 42 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5533. Infancy, insanity or imprisonment.

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10 (b) Infancy.--

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12 (2) (i) If an individual entitled to bring a civil  
13 action arising from childhood sexual abuse is under 18  
14 years of age at the time the cause of action accrues, the  
15 individual shall have a period of [12] 22 years after  
16 attaining 18 years of age in which to commence an action  
17 for damages regardless of whether the individual files a  
18 criminal complaint regarding the childhood sexual abuse.

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2       Section 2. The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 5533(b)(2)(i)  
3 shall apply to civil actions instituted on or after the  
4 effective date of this section.

5       Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.