

SENATE BILL 2374

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5 and Title 40, Chapter 2, relative to statutes of limitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for an act committed on or after July 1, 2014, that constitutes the offense of aggravated rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-502, or rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-503, no later than twenty (20) years from:

(A) If no DNA analysis was performed on evidence obtained from a forensic medical examination, the date the offense occurs; or

(B) If a DNA analysis was performed on evidence obtained from a forensic medical examination, the date of completion of the DNA analysis.

(2) As used in this section "forensic medical examination" means an examination performed on the victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense by a health care provider for the purpose of gathering and preserving evidence of a sexual assault for use in criminal prosecution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.