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AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS FOR CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE;  
REVISING LIMITATIONS FOR AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES BASED ON  
PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE; DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 37-1-30 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,  
Chapter 136, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"37-1-30. ACTION FOR DAMAGES DUE TO CHILDHOOD SEXUAL  
ABUSE--LIMITATION ON ACTIONS.--

A. An action for damages based on personal injury  
caused by childhood sexual abuse shall be commenced by a  
person before the latest of the following dates:

(1) the first instant of the person's  
twenty-fourth birthday; or

(2) three years from the date that a person  
first disclosed the person's childhood sexual abuse to a  
licensed medical or mental health care provider in the  
context of receiving health care from the provider.

B. As used in this section, "childhood sexual  
abuse" means conduct that, if prosecuted in a criminal  
matter, would constitute a violation of:

(1) Section 30-9-11 NMSA 1978, regarding  
criminal sexual penetration of a minor;

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(2) Section 30-9-13 NMSA 1978, regarding  
criminal sexual contact of a minor; or

(3) the Sexual Exploitation of Children Act.

C. The provisions of Section 37-1-8 NMSA 1978 and  
any statutes of limitation therein shall not apply to causes  
of action for childhood sexual abuse."

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
immediately.