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**PRISONERS' LAWSUITS**

**House Bill 4063**

**Sponsor: Rep. Kirk A. Profit**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Complete to 2-21-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4063 AS INTRODUCED 2-5-91**

The Revised Judicature Act sets limits on the period of time that may elapse between the occurrence or discovery of an injury (or other matter that can give rise to a lawsuit) and the filing of a consequent lawsuit; the period varies depending on the type of matter involved and who is being sued. Under the act, if the person entitled to bring an action is under 18 years old, insane, or imprisoned at the time the claim accrues, he or she has one year after the disability is removed to bring the action, even though the statute of limitations may have expired. The bill would delete the language applying to prisoners, thus eliminating the disability of imprisonment as a reason for delaying the period of limitation.

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