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## EXTEND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTIONS

**House Bill 4187**

**Sponsor: Rep. Deborah Cherry**  
**Committee: Family and Civil Law**

**Complete to 3-1-99**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4187 AS INTRODUCED 2-9-99**

The Revised Judicature Act of 1961 provides the statutory limitations for filing cases to recover damages based on injuries to persons or property. With certain rare exceptions, a case for damages must be filed within the limitations period or be invalid. House Bill 4187 would set a special period of limitations for victims of domestic violence to bring certain cases for the recovery of damages. Currently, a case brought by a victim of domestic violence charging assault or battery must be filed within two years of the occurrence of the assault or battery, and a case for damages resulting from injuries to a person or property must be filed within three years from the time that the injury had occurred. Under the bill, a victim of domestic violence would have ten years from the date of the assault, battery, or injury to file his or her case.

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