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## EXTEND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTIONS

**House Bill 4524**

**Sponsor: Rep. Marc Shulman**

**Committee: Family and Civil Law**

**Complete to 4-27-99**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4524 AS INTRODUCED 4-20-99**

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 4524 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to increase the statute of limitations for criminal and civil actions regarding domestic violence. 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 five years from the date of the assault, battery, or injury to file his or her case.

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