

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 786) of Carol C. Amick, Joseph K. Mackey, Barbara Hildt, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to increase the statute of limitations for actions arising out of sexual abuse to ten years. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT INCREASING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO TEN YEARS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 260 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 4B, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, the  
3 following section: —

4 Section 4C. Actions of tort arising out of the sexual abuse of  
5 a minor, against a family or household member, shall be  
6 commenced within the later of three years next after the cause  
7 of action accrues or ten years after the victim reaches the age of  
8 majority.

9 For the purposes of this section, “sexual abuse” shall mean the  
10 commission of any act as set forth in sections thirteen B, thirteen  
11 F, thirteen H, twenty-two, twenty-two A, twenty-three, twenty-  
12 four, and twenty-four B of Chapter two hundred and sixty-five  
13 or sections one, two, three, four, four A, four B, five, six, seven,  
14 eight, twelve, thirteen, seventeen, twenty-six, twenty-eight,  
15 twenty-nine A, twenty-nine B, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five  
16 and thirty-five A of Chapter two hundred and seventy-two.

