

HB 883 -- CIVIL ACTIONS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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This bill amends Section 537.046, RSMo, to add to the definition of "childhood sexual abuse" the offenses of rape in the second degree, sodomy in the second degree, sexual abuse in the second degree, sexual trafficking of a child in the first degree, sexual trafficking of a child in the second degree, sexual exploitation of a minor, and child used in a sexual performance.

Currently, a person may file a cause of action to recover damages from injury or illness caused by childhood sexual abuse. This bill also allows a person to file a cause of action to recover damages from injury or illness caused by tortious conduct that caused the victim to be a victim of childhood sexual abuse. Under this bill, either of these actions may be brought at any time.

The provisions of this Section will apply to any action against any party commenced on or after August 28, 2004.

This bill is similar to HB 114 (2025) and HB 1617 (2024).