

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1664

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SEITZ.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 537.046, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to civil actions for childhood sexual abuse.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 537.046, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 537.046, to read as follows:

537.046. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Childhood sexual abuse", any act committed by the defendant against the plaintiff which act occurred when the plaintiff was under the age of eighteen years and which act would have been a violation of section 566.030, 566.031, 566.032, 566.034, 566.060, 566.061, 566.062, 566.064, 566.067, 566.068, 566.069, 566.071, 566.083, 566.086, 566.093, 566.095, 566.100, 566.101, 566.209, 566.210, 566.211, 568.020, **573.023**, or 573.200;

(2) "Injury" or "illness", either a physical injury or illness or a psychological injury or illness. A psychological injury or illness need not be accompanied by physical injury or illness.

2. Any action to recover damages from injury or illness caused by childhood sexual abuse in an action brought pursuant to this section shall be commenced within ~~ten~~ **twenty** years of the plaintiff attaining the age of twenty-one or within three years of the date the plaintiff discovers, or reasonably should have discovered, that the injury or illness was caused by childhood sexual abuse, whichever later occurs.

3. This section shall apply to any action arising on or after August 28, ~~2025~~ **2026**.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a nondisclosure
17 agreement by any party to a childhood sexual abuse action shall not be judicially enforceable
18 in a dispute involving childhood sexual abuse allegations or claims, and shall be void.

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