

1 AN ACT relating to civil actions involving sexual misconduct.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 413 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "injury or illness" means either a physical or*
6 *psychological injury or illness.*

7 *(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a civil action for recovery of*
8 *damages for an injury or illness suffered as a result of an act or series of acts*
9 *against a person eighteen (18) years old or older that meets the criteria of an*
10 *offense under KRS Chapter 510, 529, 530, or 531, shall be brought before*
11 *whichever of the following periods last expires:*

12 *(a) Within five (5) years of the act or the last of a series of acts by the same*
13 *perpetrator;*

14 *(b) Within five (5) years of the date the victim knew, or should have known, of*
15 *the act; or*

16 *(c) Within five (5) years upon knowledge or identity of the perpetrator.*

17 *(3) There shall be no statute of limitations in a civil action for recovery of damages*
18 *for an injury or illness suffered as a result of an act or series of acts against a*
19 *person eighteen (18) years old or older that meets the criteria of an offense under*
20 *KRS Chapter 510, 529, 530, or 531, if the civil defendant was convicted of the*
21 *offense.*

22 *(4) No prior criminal prosecution or conviction of the civil defendant for the act or*
23 *series of acts shall be required to bring a civil action under this section for*
24 *redress of an injury or illness.*