



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 354

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 893.57 of the statutes; **relating to:** statute of limitations for
2 intentional torts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, generally, if a person is injured as a result of the negligence of another, the person has three years after the injury to bring an action against the negligent person. However, if the injury was the result of an intentional tort, such as liable, slander, assault, or battery, the injured person must bring the action within two years after the injury.

This bill increases the time limit for bringing an action for an intentional tort from two years to three years.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 893.57 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **893.57 Intentional torts.** An action to recover damages for libel, slander,
5 assault, battery, invasion of privacy, false imprisonment or other intentional tort to
6 the person shall be commenced within ~~2~~ 3 years after the cause of action accrues or
7 be barred.

