



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 121
[2015 Senate Bill 170]

**Statute of Limitations for
Second-Degree or
Third-Degree Sexual Assault**

With certain exceptions, prosecution for a felony must be commenced within six years after the commission of the crime, and prosecution for a misdemeanor or for adultery must be commenced within three years of the commission of the crime.

2015 Wisconsin Act 121 extends the statute of limitations for certain sexual assault crimes. Under the Act, a prosecution for second- or third-degree sexual assault must be commenced within 10 years of the commission of the crime.

Effective date and initial applicability: The Act took effect on December 18, 2015, and first applies to an act for which the statute of limitations had not yet expired as of the effective date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.