AN ACT to renumber and amend 893.43, 893.54 (intro.) and 893.54 (1) and (2);
to amend 893.52; and to create 893.43 (2) and 893.54 (2m) of the statutes;
relating to: statutes of limitation on claims involving property damage and on
claims arising from a motor vehicle accident and covered by a motor vehicle
insurance policy.
accrues. This bill changes the time limit for initiating such a civil action to three years.

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

SECTION 1. 893.43 of the statutes is renumbered 893.43 (1) and amended to read:

893.43 (1) An Except as provided in sub. (2), an action upon any contract, obligation, or liability, express or implied, including an action to recover fees for professional services, except those mentioned in s. 893.40, shall be commenced within 6 years after the cause of action accrues or be barred.

SECTION 2. 893.43 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

893.43 (2) An action upon a motor vehicle insurance policy described in s. 632.32 (1) shall be commenced within 3 years after the cause of action accrues or be barred.

SECTION 3. 893.52 of the statutes is amended to read:

893.52 Action for damages for injury to property. An Except in the case where a different period is expressly prescribed, an action, not arising on contract, to recover damages for an injury to real or personal property shall be commenced within 3 years after the cause of action accrues or be barred, except in the case where a different period is expressly prescribed.

SECTION 4. 893.54 (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 893.54 (1m) (intro.) and amended to read:

893.54 (1m) (intro.) The Except as provided in sub. (2m), the following actions shall be commenced within 3 years or be barred:
SECTION 5. 893.54 (1) and (2) of the statutes are renumbered 893.54 (1m) (a) and (b), and 893.54 (1m) (a), as renumbered, is amended to read:

893.54 (1m) (a) An action to recover damages for injuries to the person, including an action to recover damages for injuries to the person caused or sustained by or arising from an accident involving a motor vehicle covered by a motor vehicle policy described in s. 632.32 (1).

SECTION 6. 893.54 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

893.54 (2m) An action brought to recover damages for death caused by the wrongful act, neglect, or default of another and arising from an accident involving a motor vehicle covered by a motor vehicle insurance policy described in s. 632.32 (1) shall be commenced within 2 years after the cause of action accrues or be barred.

SECTION 7. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to actions or special proceedings that are commenced on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)