



2005 SENATE BILL 287

August 17, 2005 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER and A. LASEE, cosponsored by Representatives CULLEN and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** time limits for bringing an action for sexual exploitation by
2 a member of the clergy.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who has been injured as the result of sexual contact by a member of the clergy must bring an action for damages resulting from that contact before the person reaches the age of 35. This bill allows a person who has been injured as the result of sexual contact by a member of the clergy at any time in the past to bring an action for damages resulting from that contact within one year after the effective date of this bill.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) Notwithstanding sections 893.05 and 893.587 of the statutes, a person who
5 was injured as the result of sexual contact by a member of the clergy at any time in
6 the past may bring an action under section 895.71 (2) of the statutes for all damages

SENATE BILL 287

1 caused by that sexual contact within one year after the effective date of this
2 subsection. The person injured need not show a failure to report the sexual contact
3 under section 895.71 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes in order to recover under this
4 subsection.

5 (END)