

House Amendment to  
Senate File 2431

S-5215

1 Amend Senate File 2431, as amended, passed, and reprinted by  
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

4 <Section 1. STATUTE OF LIMITATION MODIFICATION —  
5 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. It is the finding of the general  
6 assembly that the following facts and circumstances are  
7 conditions precedent to this modification of an existing Iowa  
8 statute of limitation:

9 1. That legislatively created, after-the-fact exceptions to  
10 the operation of civil statutes of limitation are, in general,  
11 poor public policy.

12 2. Such exceptions tend to erode the rule of law, respect  
13 for the doctrine of equal protection, and due regard for the  
14 sanctity of contracts.

15 3. Notwithstanding such principles, various parties have  
16 represented to the general assembly that a defined and discreet  
17 group of Iowa sexual abuse victims face a grotesque miscarriage  
18 of justice if the operation of sections 614.1 and 614.8 is not  
19 suspended for their benefit.

20 4. These parties have also represented to the general  
21 assembly that the circumstances surrounding the lawsuits  
22 are unlikely to reoccur, and that the proposed retroactive  
23 enlargement of the statute of limitation will not injure any  
24 third party who has not already consented to settlement of  
25 their interests.

26 5. But for the unusual and exceptionally rare circumstances  
27 represented to be present, an after-the-fact enlargement of a  
28 statute of limitation would not be considered.

29 6. The action taken by the general assembly in this matter  
30 is not to be considered or offered in the future as creating  
31 a precedent for future legislative action by the general  
32 assembly.>

33 2. By renumbering as necessary.