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A BILL FOR

1 An Act extending the statute of limitations for criminal offenses
2 related to sexual abuse.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 802.2, Code 2005, is amended by
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 802.2 SEXUAL ABUSE -- FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE.

5 An information or indictment for sexual abuse in the first,
6 second, or third degree may be commenced at any time after the
7 sexual abuse occurs.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill extends the statute of limitations for sexual
10 abuse.

11 The bill extends the statute of limitations to prosecute
12 sexual abuse in the first, second, or third degree to any time
13 after the sexual abuse occurs. Current law provides that any
14 sexual abuse involving a victim under the age of 18 must be
15 prosecuted within 10 years of the victim reaching the age of
16 18. Current law also provides that any other sexual abuse be
17 prosecuted within 10 years after the commission of the
18 offense.

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