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Harmony’s Law

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 30, 2019
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 29, 2019)

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This bill eliminates the statute of limitations under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for a child abuse offense.

Currently, such charges must be received during the life of the child or within 10 years of the commission of the offense, whichever is longer.

The bill retroactively applies to offenses for which the current statute of limitations has not yet lapsed.

The Office of General Counsel of the House of Representatives is authorized to file legal briefs supporting the position that prosecution for a rape or sexual assault should not be time-barred, notwithstanding the opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in *United States v. Mangahas*, No. 17-0434-AF.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Apr 29, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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