Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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By: Senator D. Wallace
By: Representative Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF
SEXUAL ABUSE ACT; TO REMOVE THE AGE LIMITATION FOR A
VULNERABLE VICTIM TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION; TO AMEND
THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR A CIVIL ACTION; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

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ACTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-118-118(b), concerning the statute of
limitation for a civil action brought by a vulnerable victim under the
Justice for Vulnerable Victims of Sexual Abuse Act, is amended to read as
follows:
(b)(1) Notwithstanding any other statute of limitation or any other
law that may be construed to reduce the statutory period set forth in this
section, before he or she reaches fifty-five (55) years of age a vulnerable
victim may bring a civil action against any party who committed sexual abuse
against the vulnerable victim or whose tortious conduct caused the vulnerable
victim to be a victim of sexual abuse.
(2) Notwithstanding any other statute of limitation or any other law that may be construed to reduce the statutory period set forth in this section, a civil action similar to a civil action described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, including a cause of action arising before, on, or after July 28, 2021, that was barred or dismissed due to a statute of limitation is revived, and the civil action may be commenced not earlier than six (6) months after and not later than thirty (30) months after July 28, 2021 the effective date of this act.