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ACCRUAL OF CLAIMS RESULTING FROM VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

House Bill 4557

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Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4557 AS INTRODUCED 4-8-97

The Revised Judicature Act of 1961 provides the statutory limitations for filing cases to recover damages based on injuries to persons or property. With certain rare exceptions, a case for damages must be filed within the limitations period or be invalid. Most statutes of limitations begin to run (or the claim is said to have accrued) at the time the event occurred that gave rise to the lawsuit. For most actions arising out of a death or injury, the period of limitations is 3 years from the date that the death or injury occurred. However, there are certain exceptions where the period is shorter or longer or where a later date is set for when the claim accrues. House Bill 4557 would amend the act to change the date that a claim for injuries arising from an accident involving a vehicle would accrue. Currently, such a claim accrues at the time that the injury occurs and the statute of limitations begins to run at that time. The bill would provide that the statute of limitations on such a claim would not begin to run until the injury was discovered.

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