

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 315

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PRESCRIPTION: Extends prescription on tort actions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Civil Code Articles 3493.11 and 3493.12, and to repeal Civil Code Articles 3492  
3 and 3493, relative to tort actions; to provide prescriptive periods for tort actions; to  
4 provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Civil Code Articles 3493.11 and 3493.12 are hereby enacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 Art. 3493.11. Delictual actions

10 Delictual actions are subject to a liberative prescription of two years. This  
11 prescription commences to run from the day injury or damage is sustained. It does  
12 not run against minors or interdicts in actions involving permanent disability and  
13 brought pursuant to the Louisiana Products Liability Act or state law governing  
14 product liability actions in effect at the time of the injury or damage.

15 Art. 3493.12. Damage to immovable property; commencement and accrual of  
16 prescription

17 When damage is caused to immovable property, the two-year prescription  
18 commences to run from the day the owner of the immovable acquired, or should  
19 have acquired, knowledge of the damage.

- 1 Section 2. Civil Code Articles 3492 and 3493 are hereby repealed their entirety.
- 2 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be given prospective application only and
- 3 shall apply to delictual actions arising after the effective date of this Act.
- 4 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.
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## DIGEST

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HB 315 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Changes prescriptive periods for tort actions from one year to two years.

Present law provides that delictual actions and actions involving damage to immovable property have a liberative prescription of one year.

Proposed law removes present law and provides that the tort actions have a liberative prescription of two years.

Proposed law provides for prospective application only.

Effective July 1, 2024.

(Adds C.C. Arts. 3493.11 and 3493.12; Repeals C.C. Arts. 3492 and 3493)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Add a technical change.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add technical changes.
2. Provide that proposed law shall be given prospective application.
3. Provide an effective date of July 1, 2024.