

Senate Bill No. 924

CHAPTER 602

An act to add Section 340.15 to the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to the commencement of actions.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 924, Petris. Time for commencement of actions: domestic violence.

Under existing law, an action for injury or death of one that is caused by the wrongful act or neglect of another is generally required to be commenced within one year of occurrence.

This bill would provide that the time for commencement for an action for injury or death suffered as a result of domestic violence, as specified, shall be 3 years from the date of the last act of domestic violence by the defendant against the plaintiff that gave rise to the cause of action.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 340.15 is added to the Code of Civil Procedure, to read:

340.15. (a) In any civil action for recovery of damages suffered as a result of domestic violence, the time for commencement of the action shall be within three years from the date of the last act of domestic violence by the defendant against the plaintiff that gave rise to the cause of action.

(b) As used in this section, "domestic violence" has the same meaning as defined in Section 6211 of the Family Code.

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