

P.L. 2000, CHAPTER 157, *approved November 17, 2000*  
Assembly, No. 1934 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the statute of limitations in wrongful death actions  
2 in certain circumstances and amending N.J.S.2A:31-3.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. N.J.S.2A:31-3 is amended to read as follows:

8 2A:31-3 Every action brought under this chapter shall be  
9 commenced within 2 years after the death of the decedent, and not  
10 thereafter, provided, however, that if the <sup>1</sup>[cause of the] <sup>1</sup>death <sup>1</sup>[of  
11 the decedent was] resulted from <sup>1</sup>murder, <sup>1</sup>aggravated manslaughter  
12 or manslaughter <sup>1 2</sup>for which the defendant has been convicted, found  
13 not guilty by reason of insanity or adjudicated delinquent<sup>2</sup>, the action  
14 may be brought at any time.

15 (cf: N.J.S.2A:31-3)

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any  
18 action filed on or after the effective date <sup>1</sup>including actions filed where  
19 the murder, aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter occurred prior  
20 to the effective date of this act<sup>1</sup>.

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25 Eliminates statute of limitations in wrongful death cases if the death  
26 resulted from murder or manslaughter.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted June 8, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Senate floor amendments adopted September 21, 2000.