

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 ¹[cause of the] ¹death ¹[of
11 the decedent was] resulted from ¹murder, ¹aggravated manslaughter
12 or manslaughter ^{1 2}for which the defendant has been convicted, found
13 not guilty by reason of insanity or adjudicated delinquent², 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 ¹including actions filed where
19 the murder, aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter occurred prior
20 to the effective date of this act¹.

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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:

¹ Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted June 8, 2000.

² Senate floor amendments adopted September 21, 2000.