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By: Paxton

An Act relating to manslaughter; amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 151, which relates to statute of limitations; clarifying language; increasing statute of limitations for certain crimes; defining term; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 151, is amended to read as follows:

Section 151. A. There is no limitation of the time within which a prosecution for murder must be commenced. ~~It~~ Such prosecution may be commenced at any time after the death of the person killed.

B. Prosecutions for the crimes of first degree manslaughter and second degree manslaughter shall be commenced within ten (10) years after the discovery of the crime. For purposes of this subsection, "discovery" means the date the crime is reported to a law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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