

CHAPTER 157

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

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

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

Limitation of actions; exceptions.

2A:31-3 Every action brought under this chapter shall be commenced within 2 years after the death of the decedent, and not thereafter, provided, however, that if the death resulted from murder, aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter for which the defendant has been convicted, found not guilty by reason of insanity or adjudicated delinquent, the action may be brought at any time.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any action filed on or after the effective date including actions filed where the murder, aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter occurred prior to the effective date of this act

Approved November 17, 2000.