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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. **1707**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil actions; reducing the limitation period for bringing certain actions;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 541.05, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 541.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. ~~Six-year~~ **Four-year limitation.** Except where the Uniform Commercial
1.7 Code otherwise prescribes, the following actions shall be commenced within ~~six~~ four years:

1.8 (1) upon a contract or other obligation, express or implied, as to which no other limitation
1.9 is expressly prescribed;

1.10 (2) upon a liability created by statute, other than those arising upon a penalty or forfeiture
1.11 or where a shorter period is provided by section 541.07;

1.12 (3) for a trespass upon real estate;

1.13 (4) for taking, detaining, or injuring personal property, including actions for the specific
1.14 recovery thereof;

1.15 (5) for criminal conversation, or for any other injury to the person or rights of another,
1.16 not arising on contract, and not hereinafter enumerated;

1.17 (6) for relief on the ground of fraud, in which case the cause of action shall not be deemed
1.18 to have accrued until the discovery by the aggrieved party of the facts constituting the fraud;

1.19 (7) against sureties upon the official bond of any public officer, whether of the state or
1.20 of any county, town, school district, or a municipality therein; in which case the limitation

2.1 shall not begin to run until the term of such officer for which the bond was given shall have
2.2 expired;

2.3 (8) for damages caused by a dam, used for commercial purposes; or

2.4 (9) for assault, battery, false imprisonment, or other tort resulting in personal injury, if
2.5 the conduct that gives rise to the cause of action also constitutes domestic abuse as defined
2.6 in section 518B.01.

2.7 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.8 Section 1 is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to causes of action occurring or accruing
2.9 on or after that date.