

CHAPTER 541

LIMITATION OF TIME, COMMENCING ACTIONS

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Subdivision 1. **Findings and purpose.** The legislature finds that it is in the interest of the general public, particularly those persons who may bring claims regarding materials containing asbestos and those against whom the claims may be brought, to set a specific date by which building owners must bring a cause of action for removal or other abatement costs associated with the presence of asbestos in their building. By enactment of this statute of limitations the legislature does not imply that suits would otherwise be barred by an existing limitations period.

Subd. 2. **Limitation on certain asbestos actions.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an action against a manufacturer or supplier of asbestos or material containing asbestos to recover for (1) removal of asbestos or materials containing asbestos from a building, (2) other measures taken to locate, correct, or ameliorate any problem related to asbestos in a building, or (3) reimbursement for removal, correction, or amelioration of an asbestos problem that would otherwise be barred before July 1, 1990, as a result of expiration of the applicable period of limitation, is revived or extended. An asbestos action revived or extended under this subdivision may be begun before July 1, 1990.

History: 1987 c 337 s 125