

Public Law 96-382  
96th Congress

An Act

To provide for a uniform national three-year statute of limitations in actions to recover damages for personal injury or death, arising out of a maritime tort, and for other purposes.

Oct. 6, 1980

[H.R. 3748]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, unless otherwise specified by law, a suit for recovery of damages for personal injury or death, or both, arising out of a maritime tort, shall not be maintained unless commenced within three years from the date the cause of action accrued.*

Maritime torts,  
statute of  
limitations.  
46 USC 763a.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of March 30, 1920 (41 Stat. 537; 46 U.S.C. 763) is repealed.

Repeal.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 96-737 (Comm. on Merchant Marine and Fisheries).  
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Feb. 11, considered and passed House.  
Sept. 23, considered and passed Senate.