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(A) (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF A CIVIL ACTION OR CLAIM BY THE PARTY WHO COMMENCED THE ACTION OR CLAIM.

(2) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A CIVIL ACTION OR CLAIM THAT IS DISMISSED ONCE FOR FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-2A-04(B)(3) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) IF A CIVIL ACTION OR CLAIM IS COMMENCED BY A PARTY WITHIN THE APPLICABLE PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS AND IS DISMISSED OR TERMINATED IN A MANNER OTHER THAN BY A FINAL JUDGMENT ON THE MERITS WITHOUT PREJUDICE, THE PARTY MAY COMMENCE A NEW CIVIL ACTION OR CLAIM FOR THE SAME CAUSE WITHIN AGAINST THE SAME PARTY OR PARTIES ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF:

(1) THE EXPIRATION OF THE APPLICABLE PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS; OR

(2) ~~1 YEAR~~ ~~6 MONTHS~~ 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE DISMISSAL; OR

(3) AUGUST 1, 2007, IF THE ACTION OR CLAIM WAS DISMISSED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 17, 2006, BUT BEFORE JUNE 1, 2007 OR TERMINATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any action *or claim* dismissed ~~or terminated~~ before the effective date of this Act for which a final judgment has been rendered and for which appeals, if any, have been exhausted before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.