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SUMMARY

- Reduces the statute of limitations for contract actions.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Statute of limitations

The bill reduces the statute of limitations for bringing an action upon a specialty or an agreement, contract, or promise in writing from six years to three years after the cause of action accrued, unless an exception applies.¹ These exceptions include the following:

- An action against the state or a state agency for failure to make any distribution or other payment;²
- An action for breach of any sales contract;³
- Actions related to commercial paper;⁴
- Actions related to violations of the Consumer Sales Practices Act;⁵
- An action to recover the title to or possession of real property.⁶

¹ R.C. 2305.06.

² R.C. 126.301.

³ R.C. 1302.98.

⁴ R.C. 1303.16.

⁵ R.C. 1345.10.

⁶ R.C. 2305.04.

For an action upon a contract not in writing, express or implied, the statute of limitations is reduced from four years to two years after the cause of action accrued, unless the action is against the state or a state agency for failure to make any distribution or other payment or an action for breach of any sales contract.⁷

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-25-25

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⁷ R.C. 126.301, 1302.98, and 2305.07(A).