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.

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.

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 Section 3 of the Act of March 30, 1920 (41 Stat. 537; 46 U.S.C. 763) is repealed.

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