

1 therein by direct claim against all tortfeasors, counterclaim,
2 whether compulsory or permissive, cross-claim or third-party
3 complaint: *Provided,* That if any such permissive counterclaim
4 would be barred but for the provisions of this section, such
5 permissive counterclaim may be asserted only in the action tolling
6 the statute of limitations under this section. This section shall
7 be deemed to toll the running of any statute of limitation with
8 respect to any claim for which the statute of limitation has not
9 expired on the effective date of this section, but only for so long
10 as the action tolling the statute of limitations is pending.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the number of defendants named in the beginning of a lawsuit by tolling the statute of limitations against all tortfeasors upon filing.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.