

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PHARMACISTS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT CAP P17 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO PRESCRIBE GUIDELINES INCLUDING STANDARDS, FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PREMISES WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION AND AUTHORIZED CORPORATE ENTITIES ENGAGE IN THE MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, AND DISPENSING OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES; TO UPDATE A MONETARY FEES AND FINES CONTAIN IN THE ACT TO REFLECT THE PREVAILING CURRENCY VALUE OF THE NAIRA, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*

[ ] Commencement

- 1           1. The Pharmacists Council of Nigeria CAP P17 Laws of the  
2           Federation of Nigeria 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "The Principal Act") is  
3           amended by inserting after the existing section 12, a new section as follows:  
4           "12A - Registration of Premises:  
5           (1) The Council shall make rules prescribing the procedure and  
6           standards for registration of premises intended to be used or used for the  
7           manufacture, distribution, sale and dispensing drugs and medicines.  
8           (2) Where a premises is registered under this section the council  
9           shall issue a certificate or licence, which shall clearly indicate the kin of  
10          pharmaceutical practice or business approved.  
11          (3) The certificate or licence shall be displayed in a conspicuous  
12          place on the wall at the premises.  
13          (4) Without prejudice to the power of the council to create any type  
14          of certificate or licence under this Act, the kind of pharmacy practice or  
15          business referred to under subsection (2) of this section shall include the  
16          following-  
17          (a) Retail pharmacy;

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Section 14 of  
Principal Act

- 1 (b) Wholesale pharmacy;
- 2 (c) Retail and wholesale pharmacy;
- 3 (d) Pharmacy within Hospital, clinic and other facility approved to
- 4 render medical services;
- 5 (e) Manufacturing wholesale pharmacy”.
- 6 2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsection
- 7 (1) and inserting the following provisions:
- 8 “(1) No registered person shall practice as a pharmacist in any year
- 9 unless he has paid to the council in respect of that year the appropriate
- 10 practicing fee which shall be due in the month of January every year”.

Amendment of  
Section 23 of  
Principal Act

- 11 3. Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:
- 12 (a) In subsection (1) after the word 'name' insert the word “premises”;
- 13 (b) After existing subsection (4) insert a new subsection as follows:
- 14 “(4a) No person whether individual or corporate entity shall engage in
- 15 the manufacture, distribution, sale and dispensing of drugs and medicine
- 16 unless in a registered premise and in the way and manner prescribed”; and
- 17 (c) In subsection (5) delete the amount “N1,000” wherever it appears
- 18 in that subsection and insert instead the amount “N1,000,000”.

Citation

- 19 4. This Bill may be cited as the Pharmacists Council Act
- 20 (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill seeks to amend the Pharmacists council of Nigeria Act CAPP17 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to prescribed guideline including standards, for the Registration of Premises where members of the profession and authorized corporate entities engage in the manufacture, distribution, sales, and dispensing of drugs and medicines; to update the monetary fees and fines contain in the Act to reflect the prevailing currency value of the Naira.