

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF KIDNAPPING, HOSTAGE  
TAKING, AND UNLAWFUL DETENTION OF PERSONS IN FEDERAL CAPITAL  
TERRITORY ABUJA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017

*Sponsored by Hon. Samuel Ikon*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria-

1           1. This Bill shall apply to the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Application of  
Bill

2           2.-(1) A person commits an offence under this section, if he carries  
3           or takes away another person or deprives another person of his or her right to  
4           move to a place of his choice, either by force or deceit, and without the  
5           consent of the person or in the case of a minor or a mentally impaired person,  
6           without the consent of his or her guardian or without legal authority, with the  
7           intention of detaining or concealing such a person from having access to the  
8           public

Kidnapping

9           (2) A person that contravenes subsection (1) of this section is guilty  
10          of kidnapping and shall be sentence to life imprisonment or in case where  
11          the victim dies, sentence to death.

12          3.-(1) A person commits an offence under this section, if he detains  
13          and threatens to kill or injure or continue to detain another person, in order to  
14          compel a third person or a government organization to do or abstain from  
15          doing any act as a condition for the release of the person detained.

Hostage taking

16          (2) A person that contravenes this section is guilty of Hostage  
17          Taking and if convicted shall be sentence to life imprisonment or in case  
18          where the victim dies, sentence to death.

19          4. Any person who receives, possesses, or disposes of any money  
20          or other property, or any portion thereof, which has at any time been

Ransom

1 delivered as ransom or reward in connection with an offence under this act,  
2 knowing the same to be money or property which has been at any time  
3 delivered as such ransom or reward commits an offence and is liable on  
4 conviction to imprisonment for a term of not more than Five years or a fine not  
5 exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N500,000) or to both.

Application

6 5. This Bill does not apply to any person who steals, takes, entices  
7 away, detains, conceals, or harbors any child, if that act is taken to protect the  
8 child from danger of imminent harm.

9 6. Any person who puts forward himself overtly or covertly to  
10 another to be kidnapped for the purpose of exacting money, ransom or for any  
11 other reason shall on conviction be liable to a term of imprisonment of not more  
12 than ten years.

Citation

13 7. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory, Kidnapping  
14 and Hostage Taking (Prohibition) Bill, 2017.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to provide for the prohibition of Kidnapping and Hostage Taking and unlawful detention of Persons in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and to prescribe punishment for violation.