

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN LEGION ACT CAP. N119, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO ESTABLISH AND INCLUDE CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE CORPS OF THE NIGERIAN COMMISSIONAIRES FOR THE PROPER CARE, GOOD HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE NIGERIAN LEGION

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[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIAN LEGION

2 *Section 1*

3 1. In Section 1 a new subsection be added as section 1(5) to read as follows:

Establishment and functions of the Nigerian Legion

5 "1(5) there shall be established under (within) the Nigerian legion  
6 the corps of the Nigerian Commissionaires which membership qualification  
7 shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 10(a), (d) and (e) of this  
8 Act."

9 *Section 3*

10 2. In Section 3 (e) the phrase:

Powers of the Legion

11 "Subject to the land USE Act" be removed so that it will read:

12 "acquire interest in, take on lease or otherwise acquire offices,  
13 houses or other buildings, lands and hereditaments which may from time to  
14 time be acquired for the purposes of the legion or for effectuating any of its  
15 functions under this Act".

16 It has to be noticed that the land use act does not apply to all the parts of the  
17 country.

1 PART II

2 Section 3

3 3. That under Section 4 of the principal Act, A PROVISIO be added at  
4 the end of section 4 to read:

5 "Provided always that no officer of the corps of Nigerian  
6 commissionaires shall be promoted above the rank of a brigadier General".

7 That a new sub-paragraph (4) be added under Section 4 to make a section 4(4)  
8 and that the new sub-section should read:

9 "The legion shall have power to establish authorize and ensure the  
10 training of the members of the Corp of Nigerian Commissionaires and that  
11 such training should include but not limited to physical, psychological and  
12 combatant instructions and practice, including military science so that the  
13 officers of the corps of Nigerian Commissionaires can serve as can ancillary  
14 arm of the Legion or reserve soldiers."

15 PART III

16 Section 6: objective of the legion

17 That two sub-paragraphs be added under Section 6 as 6(0) and 6(p) to read thus:

18 "6(0) To ensure that member of the corps of Nigerian  
19 Commissionaires or any other auxiliary body are well trained as reserve men  
20 who will not only assist the Nigerian Legion but even service men in crisis  
21 situation;

22 6(p) to involve the auxiliary arm or the Corps of Nigerian  
23 Commissionaires in productive security information communications and  
24 logistics".

25 Section 14: Interpretation

26 "Commandant General" - Means the Commandant General of the Nigerian  
27 presently known as chairman;

28 "Deputy Commandant General" - Each of the classes of membership of  
29 National Council the Nigeria Legion shall have a Deputy Head/Chairman  
30 which deputies the Commandant General e.g. Deputy Commandant General

1 Corps of Commissionaires;  
2 “National Council” - Means as Assembly of the Commandant General, the  
3 Deputy Commandant Generals at the National office. The Assistant  
4 Commandant Generals at the 6 Geopolitical Zones and the State  
5 Commandant.

6 4. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Legion Act (Amendment) Citation  
7 Bill, 2017.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Legion Act to include certain functions of the Corps of Nigerian Commissionaires for the proper care, good health and welfare of the Nigerian Legion.

