

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PASSPORT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, LFN 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR STIFFER PUNISHMENT FOR OFFENCES IN RESPECT OF PASSPORTS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Zubairu Abdulmalik Bungudu

[] Commencement

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

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PART I

1. The Passports (Miscellaneous provisions) Act LFN, 2004 (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out:

Amendment of the Principal Act

2. Section 1(2) of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

Amendment of Section (1)

(a) By substituting the phrase "One Year" with the phrase "Two years":

3. Section 3(2) of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

Amendment of Section (3)

(a) By substituting the phrase "Five Years" with the phrase "Ten years":

4. Section 4(1) of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

Amendment of Section (4)

(a) By substituting the phrase "Five Years" with the phrase "Ten years";

5. Section 4(2) of the Principal Act is amended by:

(a) By substituting the phrase "Five Years" with the phrase "Ten years";

6. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

"Passport" means a document of protection and authority to travel issued by the competent Nigerian officials to Nigerians wishing to travel outside Nigeria and includes as defined in section 1(3) and (4) of the Principal Act, the following:

	1	(a) A standard Nigerian Passport;
	2	(b) A Diplomatic or official Passport;
	3	(c) A Nigerian Pilgrims Passport; and
	4	(d) A seaman's passport or seaman's card of identification;
Short Title	5	7. This Bill may be cited as the Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions)
	6	(Amendment) Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Passport (Miscellaneous provisions) LFN 2004, to provide for stiffer punishment for contravention of the Act.