

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIREARMS ACT, CAP F28, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO INCREASE SOME PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE ACT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

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

1	1. The Firearms Act, Cap F28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,	Amendment of Firearms Act, Cap. F28, LFN, 2004
2	2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby amended as set	
3	out in this Bill.	

4	2. Section 27, sub-section (1), in the last paragraph of the Principal	Amendment of section 27 (1)
5	Act is hereby amended as follows:	

6	(a) by deleting the words "of one thousand" after the word "fine"
7	and substitute same with the words, "not exceeding Five Hundred Million."

8	(b) By deleting the word, "of two" after the word "term" and
9	substitute same with the words, "not exceeding five."

10	3. This Bill may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2017.	Citation
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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to review and increase the penalty for contravention of the offence of unlawful possession of and dealing in firearms and ammunitions including muzzle-loading firearms. This punitive measure will to an extent assist in the administration of criminal justice system in Nigeria.