

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STAFF HOUSING BOARD
TO ADMINISTER A HOUSING LOAN SCHEME FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC
OFFICERS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Federal Government Staff Housing Board Act, Laws of the
2 Federation of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is
3 amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
the Principal Act

4 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended as set out below "It Amendment of
Section 2
5 shall be the duty of the Board, within the limit of its resources and in
6 accordance with regulations made by the Board under section 11 of this Act
7 to participate in partnership or arrangements secured in the interest of
8 Government for the availability or affordability of Housing for eligible
9 persons or to grant advances to persons eligible to receive them under this
10 Act for the purpose of:"

11 3. Section 3 is amended as set out below: Amendment of
Section 3
12 “(1) (a)The Board shall consist of a Chairman who shall be a
13 Permanent secretary in the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the
14 Federation nominated to represent the Head of the Civil Service of the
15 Federation; and the following members, that is:”

16 (a) The Director Lands Federal Ministry of Works and Housing or
17 his Representative;

18 (b) The Director Architectural Services, Federal Ministry of Works
19 and Housing, or his representative;

20 (c) A representative of the Office of the Accountant-General of the

1 Federation to be nominated by the Accountant-General of the Federation;

2 (d) Director in charge of Establishment matters in the Office of the
3 Head of the Civil Service of the federation or representative;

4 (e) A Representative of the Nigeria Police;

5 (f) Executive Secretary of the Board who shall be member and
6 Secretary of the Board.

7 (b) The President may by order published in the Federal Gazette
8 increase or reduce the membership of the Board.

Amendment of
Section 5

9 4. Section 5 is amended as set out below:

10 (i) There shall be appointed by the President, an Executive Secretary
11 on the recommendation of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation who
12 shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Board;

13 (ii) The Board may appoint other persons who shall be members of the
14 public service of the Federation to be officers and employees of the Board as
15 the Board may determine to assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his
16 functions;

17 (iii) The tenure of office of the Executive Secretary shall be for an
18 initial period of five years renewable for another term of five years;

19 (iv) The remuneration of the Executive Secretary and other officers of
20 the Board shall be determined by the Board on the recommendation of the
21 National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission.

Amendment of
Section 6

22 5. Section 6 is amended as set out below:

23 (i) The Head of the Civil Service of the Federation may give to the
24 Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular
25 matters (but not relating to any individual case) with regard to the exercise by
26 the Board of its functions under this Act, and it shall be the duty of the Board to
27 comply with such directions;

28 (ii) The Head of the Civil Service of the Federation may by notice in
29 writing; either generally or otherwise, require the Board or any of its officers or
30 employees to furnish information with respect to the activities of the Board.

1 6. Section 8 (c) is amended as set out below:

Amendment of
Section 8

2 “(c) Fees, charges and other incomes accruing to the Board from
3 donations, partnerships, grants, Mortgages and other things done by it in
4 term of this Act, excluding fines in penalties recovered pursuant to the Act;
5 and”

6 7. Section 11 is amended as set out below:

Amendment of
Section 11

7 “The Board may, with the approval of the Head of the Civil Service
8 of the Federation, make regulations generally for the purposes of this Act;
9 and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the regulations
10 may:”

11 “(c) Specify conditions for availability or affordability of housing
12 pursuant to any partnership or arrangements under this Act.”

13 8. “Any person who in any declaration made under this Act
14 submits any document that is false or fake or counterfeit or does not have
15 reasonable grounds to believe such statement or document to be true and
16 genuine, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not
17 exceeding one hundred thousand naira or such sum as the court may
18 consider appropriate or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six
19 months or both fine and imprisonment.”

Insertion of a
new section 13

20 9.-(1) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Act, or of
21 any Law in relation to the Board established by this Act or any regulation
22 hereunder commits an offence and is liable on conviction, where no specific
23 penalty is prescribed thereof:

Insertion of a
new section 14

24 (a) As a first offender, to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand
25 naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both fine
26 and imprisonment;

27 (b) For subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding five hundred
28 thousand naira, dismissal from the Federal Public Service, and or to
29 imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years or to both fine and
30 imprisonment.

- 1 (2) Any person who:
- 2 (a) Furnishes or supply information which is false or calculates to
- 3 mislead the Board in the determination of loan application;
- 4 (b) Willfully delays or obstructs a diligent inspection or investigation
- 5 of information supplied leading to the approval of loan application;
- 6 (c) Obstructs an officer from the exercise of the power or duties
- 7 conferred or imposed upon the Board by or under this Act, commits an offence
- 8 and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand naira
- 9 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both such fine and
- 10 imprisonment.

Amendment of
Section 13

- 11 **10.** Section 13 is amended as set out below:
- 12 "Board" means the Federal Government Staff Housing Board established by
- 13 section 1 of this Act;
- 14 "Head of the Civil Service" means the Head of the Civil Service of the
- 15 Federation overseeing the activities of the Board;
- 16 "Secretary" means the Executive Secretary appointed pursuant to section 5 of
- 17 this Act.
- 18 (i) In this section, "public service of the Federation" means public
- 19 service of the Federation within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal
- 20 Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and includes:
- 21 (a) service as a Justice of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the
- 22 Federal High Court or any court established by a Federal enactment; and
- 23 (b) Service in the Nigeria Armed Forces, the Nigeria Police and the
- 24 Paramilitary Services.

Short title

- 25 **11.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal Government Staff Housing
- 26 Loans Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Government Staff Housing Board to administer a Housing Loan Scheme for Federal Public Officers.