

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BIRTHS, DEATHS, ETC, (COMPULSORY REGISTRATION) ACT CAP. 89, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS & DEATHS OF NIGERIANS WHICH OCCUR OUTSIDE NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The Births, Deaths, etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act Cap. B9 Amendment of
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Act referred to as "the the Principal Act
3 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

4 **2.** Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
5 paragraph A after the existing Section 7 as follows: Section 7

6 “7(A):

7 Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, the birth of every
8 child born outside Nigeria shall be registered by the Registrar of births and
9 deaths for the area where the parents or guardian reside during their return or
10 stay in Nigeria in the prescribed manner and this registration shall be done
11 upon the return or next visit of the parents or guardian of the new-born to
12 Nigeria."

13 **3.** Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
14 paragraph A after the existing Section 17 as follows: Section 17

15 “17(A):

16 Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, the death of every
17 Nigerian which occurs outside Nigeria shall be registered by the Registrar of
18 births and deaths for the area where the deceased last resided in Nigeria by

1 entering in a register kept for that area, particulars concerning the death as may
2 be prescribed."

3 **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Births, Deaths, etc. (Compulsory
4 Registration) (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the registration of births and deaths of Nigerians who reside or whose birth or death occur outside Nigeria.