

Federal Highway Amendment Bill, 2015

Arrangement Of Sections

*Section*

1. Amendment of the Principal Act
2. Citation

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ACT CAP F13 LAWS OF  
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO MAKE DRIVING AGAINST TRAFFIC OR  
ONE WAY AN OFFENCE AND FOR CONNECTED MATTERS THEREWITH

*Sponsored Hon. Karimi .S. Sunday*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           1. The Federal Highways Act Cap F13 LFN 2004 (hereinafter  
2           called "The Principal Act") is hereby amended by inserting three new  
3           sections/clauses, namely sections 20A, 20B and 20C of this Amendment Bill  
4           immediately after the existing section 20 of the Principal Act and before the  
5           heading "miscellaneous and Supplemental" thus:  
6           "Section 20A, DRIVING AGAINST TRAFFIC  
7           As from the date of the Commencement of this Act, any person who on a  
8           Federal Highway:  
9           (a) drives against normal cause of traffic;  
10          (b) drives in an opposite direction of a prescribed one way road; or  
11          (c) drives facing vehicles coming on an opposite direction by  
12          driving on their lanes whilst not overtaking,  
13          has committed an offence under this Act and in the case of a first offender,  
14          shall have his vehicle impounded, be subject to psychiatric examination in a  
15          Federal Medical Institution, his Drivers Licence shall be seized and shall be  
16          mandated to pay N50,000.00 to the National Treasury before release of the  
17          offenders vehicle and in the case of second offender, shall be arraigned in  
18          court and upon conviction liable to three (3) months imprisonment and or a  
            fine of N50,000.00".

"Section 20B, OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY

1 whenever there is an obstruction on a Federal Highway caused by breakdown  
2 of motor vehicles, accidents of motor vehicles or acts of nature and such has  
3 made it impossible for road users to use their lanes, officers of the law  
4 enforcement agencies shall direct the road users whose lane has been  
5 obstructed to use other roads or other lanes, pending the time when the  
6 obstruction is removed”.

7 “Section 20C RIGHT OF WAY FOR AMBULANCES “Nothing in the  
8 provisions of Section 20A and 20B shall restrain the right of way of  
9 ambulances or other vehicles conveying victims of road accidents or other  
10 related occurrences”.

Citation

11 2. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Highways (Amendment) Bill,  
12 2015.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to alter the Federal Highways Act Cap F13 LFN 2013 to ensure that driving against traffic on the highway is discouraged by prescribing punishments for it.