

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT SEEKS TO AMEND NATIONAL EYE CENTRE ACT CAP N38 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO EMPOWER THE CENTRE TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY, REVIEW THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRE AND PROVIDE FOR STANDARD PROCEDURE OF REMOVING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Betty Apiafi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of

1 Nigeria-

2 **1.** The National Eye Centre Act Cap N38 Laws of the Federation
3 of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as
4 set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
Cap. N38 LFN
2004

5 **2.** Section 1(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after
6 the word, "seal" the words "and may sue and be sued in its corporate name"
7 in line 3.

Amendment of
Section 1

8 **3.** The marginal note to section 2 of the Principal Act is amended
9 by inserting the after the words "functions", the words "and powers".

Amendment of
Section 2

10 **4.** Section 3 of the Principal Act is deleted.

Deletion of
Section 3

11 **5.** Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 4

12 (a) in the marginal note, by substituting for the word,
13 "management" the word, "Governing"; and

14 (b) in subsection (1), by substituting for the word, "Management"
15 the word "Governing".

16 **6.** Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 5

17 (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the proviso;

18 (b) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words, "in accordance
19 with scales approved from time to time by the President" the words "as

1 provided by the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission"; in lines 2
2 and 3; and

3 (c) by substituting subsection (4), a new subsection "(4)" ?

4 "(4) The office of the member of the Board is vacant if the member-

5 (a) resigns his appointment by notice in writing addressed to the
6 Minister;

7 (b) dies or becomes of unsound mind;

8 (c) becomes bankrupt;

9 (d) is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty;

10 (e) is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to the office; or

11 (f) in the case of a member holding professional qualification, is
12 disqualified or suspended from practising the profession.

Amendment of
Section 6

13 7. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended-

14 (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "including its public
15 relations" in line 3; and

16 (b) by substituting for subsection (2) a new subsection "(2)" -

17 "(2) The Board shall be responsible for laying down general policies
18 and guidelines relating to the management of the affairs of the Centre".

Amendment of
Section 7

19 8. Section 7 of the Principal Act is deleted.

Amendment of
Section 8

20 9. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
21 subsection "(6)" -

22 "(6) The Director shall be a recognized consultant of not less than 10
23 years in ophthalmology".

Amendment of
Section 10

24 10. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the
25 word "education", the word, "academic" in line 1.

Amendment of
Section 11

26 11. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by-

27 (a) substituting for the word "education" the word "academic" in line
28 1; and

29 (b) inserting after paragraph (d) a new paragraph "(e)" -

1	"(e) designing curriculum for the study of eye diseases for the	
2	Centre".	
3	12. Section 12 of the Principal Act is deleted.	Deletion of Section 12
4	13. Substitute for section 14 of the Principal Act a new section	Substitution of Section 14
5	"14"-	
6	14. The Board shall establish a Fund into which it shall pay-	Quarterly report
7	(a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Federal	
8	Government;	
9	(b) all sums accruing to the Centre, from time to time;	
10	(c) gifts, donations and contributions from national, states and	
11	internationals institutions and philanthropist; and	
12	(d) fees, if any, charged by the Centre for services rendered".	
13	14. Insert, after the section 14 to the Principal Act a new section	Insertion of a new Section 14A
14	"14A" after section."14"-	
15	"14A The Director shall submit to the Board quarterly report of the	
16	Centre and the Board shall submit annual report of its activities to the	
17	Minister".	
18	15. Sections 15 and 20 of the Principal Act are deleted.	Deletions of Section 15 and 20
19	16. This Bill may be cited as the National Eye Centre Act	Citation
20	(Amendment) Bill, 2015.	

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Eye Centre Act Cap. N38 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to empower the Centre to acquire property, review the functions of the Centre and provide for standard procedure of removing members of the Board.

