

NATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO CENSORS BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clause:*

1. Amendment of Cap. N40 LFN, 2004
2. Amendment of section 2
3. Substitution of section 3
4. Amendment of section 15
5. Amendment of section 60
6. Citation

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO CENSORS BOARD ACT CAP N40 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND EMPOWER THE BOARD TO REGULATE THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MOVIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           1. The National Film and Video Censors Board Act Cap. N40      Amendment of
- 2           Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the      Cap. N40 LFN,
- 3           Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.                              2004
- 4           2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after      Amendment of
- 5           paragraph (d), a new paragraph "(dd)":                                      Section 2
- 6           "(dd) to regulate the import of foreign movies and export of
- 7           Nigerian movies."
- 8           3. Section 3 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for      Amendment of
- 9           subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)":                                      Section 3
- 10          "(1) The Board shall consist of:
- 11          (a) a Chairman, who shall be:
- 12           (i) an eminent Nigerian with sound knowledge of the Nigerian arts
- 13           and culture and requisite experience in the film related discipline, and
- 14           (ii) appointed by the President on the recommendation of the
- 15          Minister;
- 16          (b) a representative of each of the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria
- 17          who shall:
- 16           (i) have sound knowledge of the Nigerian arts and culture and

1 requisite experience in the film related discipline, and  
 2 (ii) be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the  
 3 Minister;  
 4 (c) a representative of:  
 5 (i) the Ministry responsible for information,  
 6 (ii) the Ministry responsible for culture and tourism, and  
 7 (iii) the Nigerian Copyright Commission;  
 8 (d) 3 University Lecturers, to be appointed by the President on the  
 9 recommendation of the Minister; and  
 10 (e) the Executive Director of the Board".

Deletion of  
Section 15

Amendment of  
Section 60

11 4. Section 15 of the Principal Act is deleted.  
 12 5. Substitute for section "60" of the Principal Act, a new section "60":  
 13 "60. A person who contravenes the provisions of sections 56, 57, 58,  
 14 59 and any other section where no specific penalty was provided, commits an  
 15 offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of N500,000 or imprisonment  
 16 for a term not exceeding 3 months or both."

Citation

17 6. This Bill is cited as the National Film and Video Censors Board  
 18 (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Film and Video Censors Board Act Cap. N40 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to reduce the membership of the Governing Board and empower the Board to regulate the import and export of movies.