ABILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INDIAN HEMP ACT CAP. I16 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO REDUCE THE DEATH PENALTY AND CONFER JURISDICTION ON THE MAGISTRATE COURT TO TRY OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ken Chikere

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	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of					
	Nigeria-					
1	1. The Indian Hemp Act Cap. I16 Laws of the Federation of					
2	Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as	CAP. 116 LFN 2004				
3	set out in this Bill.					
4	2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended-					
5	(a) in subsection (1) by-	Section 2				
6	(i) deleting the words, "either to death or" in line3, and					
7	(ii) substituting for the words, twenty-one", the word, "ten"; and					
8	(b) in subsection (2), line 2, by substituting for the words, "judge of					
9	the High Court", the words, "Magistrate Court".					
10	3. Section 3 (1) (b) of the Principal Act is amended in line 2, by	Amendment of				
11	Section 3 (1) substituting for the words, "one year", the words "ten years".					
12	4. Section 5 (1) (b) of the Principal Act is amended-	Amendment of Section 5 (1)				
13	(a) in line 2, by deleting the words, "not less than";	Deciron 5 (1)				
14	(b) in subparagraph (ii), by substituting for-					
15	(i) the words, "Children and Young Person Act", the words,					
16	"Child's Right Act" in line 3; and					
17	(ii) the word. "borstal", the words, "approved institution" in line 6.					
18	5. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended in line 3, by deleting	Amendment of Section 6				
19	the words, "not less than".					

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Amendment	1	6. Section 7(1)(c) of the Principal Act is amended, by deleting-
of Section 7 (1)	2	(a) the words, "not less than" in line 2; and
	3	(b) the word, "thereby" in line 5.
Amendment	4	7. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended in line 3 by deleting the
of Section 9	5	words "offence under this Act".
Deletion of Section 10	6	8. Section 10 of the Principal Act is deleted.
Citation	7	9. This Bill may be cited as the Indian Hemp (Amendment) Bill, 2015.
	8	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM
		This Bill seeks to amend the Indian Hemp Act Cap. 116 Laws of the Federation
		of Nigeria, 2004 to reduce the penalty and confer jurisdiction on the Magistrate

Court to try offences under the Act.

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