

POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

1. Amendment of Cap. P19 LFN, 2004
2. Amendment of long title
3. Amendment of section 5
4. Amendment of section 8
5. Amendment of section 9
6. Amendment of section 10
7. Amendment of section 12
8. Deletion of sections 18-23
9. Amendment of interpretation
10. Amendment of section 26
11. Substitution for section 27
12. Deletion of sections 34 and 35
13. Amendment of section 37
14. Amendment of section 39
15. Amendment of section 40
16. Amendment of section 41
17. Amendment of section 42
18. Deletion of sections 49-56 and section 58
19. Amendment of section 60
20. Amendment of section 65
21. Citation

	1	(b) in subsection (2), by deleting subsection "(2)".
Amendment of Section 9	2	5. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended-
	3	(a) in subsection (3), by substituting for the words, "police affairs
	4	office in the presidency" in lines 1 and 3, the words, "Ministry of police
	5	Affairs"; and
	6	(b) in subsection (5), by inserting before the word, "command", the
	7	word, "operational".
Amendment of Section 10	8	6. Section 10 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
	9	the word, "directions" in lines 1 and 3, the word, "directive",.
Amendment of Section 12	10	7. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended-
	11	(a) in lines 4-6, by deleting the words, "but for the purpose of interior
	12	economy shall remain under the control of a superior police officer"; and
	13	(b) by substituting for the word, "active", the word "military", in the
	14	marginal note.
Deletion of Sections 18-23	15	8. Sections 18-23 of the Principal Act are deleted.
Amendment of interpretation	16	9. Insert, in alphabetical order, the new interpretation of-
	17	"Accountant-General" means the Accountant-General of the Federation;
	18	"government department" means any department of the Government of the
	19	Federation or of the Government of a State;
	20	"quarter" means any period of three months;
	21	"Area Command, Police Division" means respectively an Area Command, or
	22	Police Division established by the provisions of standing order made under this
	23	section.
Amendment of Section 26	24	10. Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the
	25	words, "day light" in line 2, the expression, "6am to 6pm".
Amendment of Section 27	26	11. Substitute for section 27 of the Principal Act, a new section "27"-
Bail for person arrested without warrant	27	27. When a person is arrested without a warrant, he shall be taken
	28	before a magistrate who has jurisdiction with respect to the offence with which
	29	he is charged or take him to a magistrate having jurisdiction to try him within a
	30	reasonable time, not later than 48 hours."

1	12. Sections 34 and 35 of the Principal Act are deleted.	Deletion of sections 34 and 35
2	13. Section 37 of the Principal Act is amended after paragraph (g),	Amendment of section 37
3	by substituting for the word, "two", the word, "five".	
4	14. Section 39 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after	Amendment of section 39
5	the word-	
6	(a) "who" in line 1, the word, "willfully"; and	
7	(b) "fifty" in line 5, the word, "thousand".	
8	15. Section 40 of the Principal Act is amended by-	Amendment of Section 40
9	(a) inserting after the word, "person" in line 1, the word,	
10	"unreasonably";	
11	(b) inserting after the word, "fifty" in line 5, the word, "thousand";	
12	and	
13	(c) substituting for the words, "six months" in line 5, the words	
14	"two years".	
15	16. Section 41 of the Principal Act is amended by-	Amendment of Section 41
16	(a) inserting after the word, "ten" in line 7, the word, "thousand";	
17	and	
18	(b) substituting for the word, "one" in line 8, the word, "six".	
19	17. Section 42 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for	Amendment of Section 42
20	the-	
21	(a) expression "N200" in line 7, the expression, "N100,000"; and	
22	(b) word, "one" in line 8, the word "three".	
23	18. Sections 49 - 56 and section 58 of the Principal Act are deleted.	Deletion of sections 49-56
24	19. Section 60 (2) of the Principal Act is amended-	Amendment of sections 60 (2)
25	(a) in paragraph (a), by substituting for the figure, "21" the word,	
26	"twenty-five"; and	
27	(b) in paragraph (b), by substituting for the words, "primary six",	
28	the words, "school certificate or its equivalent".	
29	20. Section 65 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting,	Amendment of Section 65
30	after the word, "warden" in line 3, the words, "and if the commissioner	

1 consents to the notice having effect, the appointment of the traffic warden shall
2 determine accordingly".

3 **21. This Bill may be cited as the Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015.**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Police Act Cap. P19 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, by reviewing the recruitment age of a traffic warden, including the mental element in certain offences and increasing some penalties.