

NATIONAL EYE CENTRE BILL, 2016

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

1. Amendment of Cap. N51 LFN, 2004
2. Amendment of section 1
3. Amendment of section 2
4. Deletion of section 3
5. Amendment of section 4
6. Amendment of section 5
7. Amendment of section 6
8. Amendment of section 7
9. Amendment of section 8
10. Amendment of section 10
11. Amendment of section 11
12. Deletion of section 12
13. Substitution for section 14
14. Insertion of a new section 14A
15. Deletion of sections 15 and 20
16. Citation

# 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. Umar Buba Jibril*

[ ] Commencement

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

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

Amendment of  
Cap. N38 LFN  
2004

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

Amendment of  
Section 1

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

Amendment of  
Section 2

9           4. Section 3 of the Principal Act is deleted.

Deletion of  
Section 3

10          5. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of  
Section 4

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

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

15          6. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended-

Amendment of  
Section 5

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

17          (b) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words, "in accordance  
18 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	<b>12.</b> Section 12 of the Principal Act is deleted.	Deletion of
4	<b>13.</b> Substitute for section, 14 of the Principal Act a new section	Section 12
5	"14" -	Substitution of
6	<b>14.</b> The Board shall establish a Fund into which it shall pay-	Section 14
7	(a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Federal	
8	Government;	Quarterly report
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	<b>14.</b> Insert, after the section 14 to the Principal Act a new section	Insertion of a
14	"14A" after section "14"-	new Section 14A
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	<b>15.</b> Sections 15 and 20 of the Principal Act are deleted.	Deletions of
19	<b>16.</b> This Bill may be cited as the National Eye Centre Act	Section 15 and 20
20	(Amendment) Bill, 2016.	Citation

## 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.