

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN LEGION ACT NO. 37, 1988 TO ENSURE THE PROPER WELFARE AND HEALTH CONDITION OF MILITARY VETERANS; EXPAND THE OPERATIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LEGION FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Barr. Bassey Eko Ewa

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and by the Authority of Same as follows-

1 1. Amendment of the Nigerian Legion Act, Cap. 37 of 1988
2 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act is amended as set out in this Act.

3 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting new
4 paragraphs (g), (h), and (i) and re-arrange accordingly-

5 (g) Secure pensions, allowances, grants and war gratuities for
6 military veterans, their dependents and widows and dependents of deceased
7 military veterans;

8 (h) Establish, organize and regulate the activities of zonal, state and
9 local government branches of the Legion at convenient centres throughout
10 the country;

11 (i) Raise and mobilize funds to assist the aged, sick, needy,
12 disabled, infirm and destitute military veterans; and

13 (g) Perform any other functions conferred on it by this Act or that
14 are ancillary to the objectives of the Legion.

15 3. Part IV of the Principal Act is amended in the Schedule Section
16 4 (4) National Council of the Legion by deleting sub-section (1 (a) and (b)
17 and insert a new Sub-Section 1, and Sub-section 4 and re-arrange
18 accordingly-

19 1. (a) a Chairman who is a retired General of the Nigerian Army

1 be provided in the Housing Scheme guideline as provided in Section 11 of this
2 Act.

Citation

3 8. This Act may be cited as the Nigerian Legion Act (Amendment)
4 Scheme Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Legion Act to provide for additional responsibilities and ensure adequate welfare for ex-service men and for other related matters.