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FLAGS AND COAT OF ARMS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clauses*

1. Amendment of the Principal Act
2. Insertion of new Clause "8"
3. Citation

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND FLAGS AND COAT OF ARMS ACT CAP. F30 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PENALTIES FOR THE DESECRATION, DISHONOURING OR DESTRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL FLAG AND DISPARAGING THE COLOURS, COAT OF ARMS OR THE ANTHEM OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Nnenna Elendu Ukeje*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           1. The Flags and Coat of Arms Act (in this Bill referred to as "the  
2 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of  
the Principal Act
- 3           2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting new clause "8" after  
4 the existing Section 7 as follows: Insertion of new  
clause "8"
- 5           "8 (1) A Person who publicly: Desecration of  
National Flag
- 6           (a) desecrates or otherwise dishonour the National Flag;
- 7           (b) without lawful authority, burns, mutilates or otherwise destroys  
8 the National Flag; and
- 9           (c) disparages the colours, coat of arms or the anthem of the Federal  
10 Republic of Nigeria, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on conviction  
11 to a fine of N500,000.00 or five years term of imprisonment or both.
- 12           (2) The provision of sub-clause (1) of this Clause shall not apply to  
13 where:
- 14           (d) a person is disposing the National Flag because it has become  
15 worn, soiled or damage; and
- 16           (e) the damage being done to an image of the National Flag is  
17 because that image is affixed to an item or article and the damage done is a

Citation

- 1 consequence of the ordinary use of that item or article."
- 2           3. This Bill may be cited as *Flags and Coat of Arms Act (Amendment)*
- 3 *Bill, 2016.*

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend *Flags and Coat of Arms Act Cap. F30 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004*, in order to provide adequate penalties for the desecration, dishonouring or destruction of the National Flag and disparaging the colours, coat of arms or the anthem of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.