

ARMED FORCES ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clauses:

1. Amendment of the Principal Act
2. Substitution of Section 3
3. Power to make Regulation.
4. Citation

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT CAP. A20 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO AMONG OTHER THINGS PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC DUTIES FOR THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE IN ORDER TO SERVE AS A RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM WITH CAPACITY TO INTERVENE IN EMERGENCY AND INTERNAL SECURITY WHERE THE NIGERIAN POLICE WERE OVERWHELMED AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Armed Forces Act Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria, 2004 (in this bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set
3 out in this Bill.

Amendment of
the Principal Act

4 2. The Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing
5 Section 3 a new Section "3"-

Substitution of
Section 3 "Duties
of Armed Forces
Reserve and
Power of President
to make regulation"

6 "3(1)The Armed Forces Reserve shall-
7 (a) on the order of the President step in to maintain peace and order
8 where on the joint resolution of the National Assembly or on the advice of
9 the Service Chiefs that the Police were overwhelmed;

10 (b) in collaboration with relevant Security Agencies protect and
11 assist in rescuing of the civil population during the period of emergency;

12 (c) recruit and train able person in counter terrorism, rioting,
13 climate and other natural disasters;

14 (d) on the President directives utilized to serve as rapid response
15 unit for counter terrorism, rescue mission on climate and natural disaster;
16 and

17 (e) undertake such national and international assignment in

1 furtherance of national security as the President may direct from time to
2 time."

Power to make
Regulation

3 3. The Principal Act is amended by inserting new Section "3A"-
4 "3A The Chief of Defence Staff in consultation with other Service Chiefs may
5 make regulations governing methods of recall of members of the Reserve, their
6 payment and any other matters pertaining to the Reserve as may be deem fit in
7 the circumstance."

Citation

8 4. This Bill may be cited as Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill,
9 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Armed Forces Act Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to among other things provide for specific duties for the Armed forces Reserve in order to serve as a rapid response mechanism with capacity to intervene in emergency and internal security where the Nigerian Police were overwhelmed.