

A BILL**FOR**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS ACT CAP. N97 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS FROM ALL COMMUNICATION INDUSTRIES IN NIGERIA AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PROMOTION OF ONLINE SAFETY THAT WILL REQUIRE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND MOBILE PHONE OPERATORS TO PROVIDE A SERVICE THAT EXCLUDES ADULT CONTENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai N. Ossai

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The Nigerian Communications Act Cap. N97 Laws of the</p> <p>2 Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is</p> <p>3 amended as set out in this Bill.</p> <p>4 2. Section 4 subsection (1) paragraph (b) of the Principal Act is</p> <p>5 amended by substituting for the existing paragraph "(b)" a new paragraph</p> <p>6 "(b)":</p> <p>7 "(b) the protection and promotion of interest of consumers against:</p> <p>8 (i) unsolicited telephone calls for direct marketing purposes and</p> <p>9 related purposes;</p> <p>10 (ii) unfair practice on matters relating to tariffs and charges and the</p> <p>11 availability of quality of communication service or facility;</p> <p>12 (iii) adult content in the services provided by the internet service</p> <p>13 providers."</p> <p>14 3. The Principal Act is amended by inserting section "149A" after</p> <p>15 the existing section "149":</p> | <p>Amendment of
Nigerian
Communication
Act CAP. N97
LFN, 2004</p> <p>Substitution of
section 4 subsection
(1) paragraph (b)
of the Principal
Act</p> <p>Insertion of
section 149A</p> |
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General regulation	1	"149A the Governing Board, with the approval of the Minister, issue a
	2	regulation that will:
	3	(i) regulate unsolicited telephone calls for direct marketing from
	4	communication Industries;
	5	(ii) require internet service providers and mobile phone operators to
	6	provide a service that excludes adult content; and
	7	(iii) generally give full effect to the provisions of this Bill."
Interpretation	8	4. In this Bill:
	9	"Adult Content" means an internet access service that exposes nudity or
	10	contains pornography, harmful and offensive materials from which persons
	11	under the age of eighteen are protected;
	12	"Online Safety" means the safe and responsible use of the internet by children
Citation	13	and young people on an electronic device;
	14	5. This Bill is cited as Nigerian Communications Act (Amendment)
	15	Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Communications Act Cap. N97 Laws of the Federation Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the regulation of unsolicited telephone communications from all communication industries in Nigeria, make provision for the promotion of online safety that will require internet service providers and mobile phone operators to provide a service that excludes adult content and for related matters.