

**A BILL
FOR**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S METER READING, BILLING, CASH COLLECTION AND CREDIT MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES REGULATIONS NO. 42 OF 2007 CAP E7 LFN 2004 TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATING TO OUTSTANDING LIABILITY ON ELECTRICITY BILLS IN RENTED APARTMENTS

Sponsor Hon. Lovette E. Idisi

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission's meter
2 reading, billing, cash collection and credit management for electricity
3 supplies Regulations No. 42 of 2007 CAP E7 LFN 2004 (hereinafter
4 referred to as the principal Act) is hereby amended as set out below.

5 2. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by introducing new
6 sub section as follows:

7 "(5) the liability for the payment of bills is on the occupier of a
8 building and in the event of an outstanding liability, it shall be promptly
9 settled by the Land Lord where the initial occupier no longer resides or
10 occupy the building and is indebted to the authority, provided that the Land
11 Lord shall indemnify the new occupier of the building in the event of distress
12 on the premises or disconnection as a result of the outstanding liability."

13 3. This Bill may be cited as The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory
14 Commission's Meter Reading, Billing, Cash Collection and Credit
15 Management for Electricity Supplies Regulations (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

16 This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission's
17 Meter reading, billing, cash collection and credit management for electricity
18 supplies regulations No. 42 of 2007 Cap. E7 LFN 2004 to address meters
19 relating to outstanding liability on electricity Bills in rented apartment.