

**RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ACT (AMENDMENT)**

**BILL, 2015**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

*Clause:*

1. **Amendment of River Basin Development Authorities Act Cap. R9  
Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004**
2. **Substitution of Section 4(1) of the Principal Act**
3. **Citation**

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ACT CAP. R9 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO MAKE PROVISION FOR PROPER UTILIZATION OF NIGERIAN DAMS UNDER THE CONTROL OF A GIVEN RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar*

[ ] Commencement

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

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| 1  | 1. The River Basin Development Authorities Act Cap. R9 Laws of                   | Amendment of    |
| 2  | the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) | River Basin     |
| 3  | is amended as set out in this Bill.  | Development Act |
| 4  | 2. Section 4(1) of the Principal Act is amended, by substituting for             | Cap R9,         |
| 5  | the existing Section 4 a new Section “4(1)”:                                     | LFN 2004        |
| 6  | “The functions of each Authority are to:   | Substitution of |
| 7  | (a) undertake the constructions and maintenance of infrastructures               | Section 4(1) of |
| 8  | such as roads and bridges to link project sites, dams, dykes, polders, wells,    | the Principal   |
| 9  | boreholes, drainage systems for control of erosion, irrigation, and water        | Act             |
| 10 | shed management;   |                 |
| 11 | (b) provide portable drinking water to local communities located                 |                 |
| 12 | within 125 kilometers from the dam without any cost against the                  |                 |
| 13 | community;   |                 |
| 14 | (c) construct such type and number of reservoirs to store excess                 |                 |
| 15 | water in the event of overflow of dams that may result to flood;                 |                 |
| 16 | (d) develop and keep up-to-date, a comprehensive water resources                 |                 |
| 17 | master plan, identifying water resources requirements in the Authority           |                 |
| 18 | through adequate collection of data;   |                 |
| 19 | (e) carryout out mandatory turn around maintenance, at least after               |                 |

1 every four years, of all the constructed dams;

2 (f) establish a training unit to be responsible for training the staff of  
3 the Authority and members of the local community with modern techniques of  
4 farming; and

5 (g) carryout such other activities as may be necessary in carrying out  
6 the functions of the Authority under this Bill.”

Citation

7 3. This Bill is cited as the River Basin Development Authorities Act  
8 (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill seeks to amend River Basin Development Authorities Act Cap. R9  
Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to make provision for proper  
utilization of Nigeria dams under the control of a given River Basin  
Development Authority to reduce the rate of flood in Nigeria.