

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PASSPORT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT, CAP. PI LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, SO AS TO CLEARLY DEFINE PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, 2016

Sponsored by Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Marginal Note to Section 1 of the Principal Act is hereby
2 amended as follows- Amendment of
marginal note to
section 1

3 "certain offences in respect of passports and eligibility for the issuance of
4 Diplomatic passports".

5 2. Section 1 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by inserting Amendment of
section 1
6 immediately after the existing subparagraph (4), new paragraphs (5) and (6)
7 as follows-

8 "(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law in force, persons
9 holding the offices hereinafter set out shall be eligible for the issuance of a
10 diplomatic passport for the purposes of conducting their official duties-

11 (i) President, Commander-in-Chief and Spouse;

12 (ii) Vice President and Spouse;

13 (iii) Senate President;

14 (iv) Speaker of the House of Representatives;

15 (v) Chief Justice of the Federation;

16 (vi) Deputy Senate President;

17 (vii) Deputy-Speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (viii) Members of the National Assembly;

19 (ix) State Governors;

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1 Officers only for the conduct of official duties as the Minister may deem fit
2 in the circumstances, on the recommendation of the appropriate Minister or
3 Head of the relevant Government Department or Agency".

4 3. This Bill may be cited as the Passport (Miscellaneous Citation
5 Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the passport (Miscellaneous Provision) Act, Cap. PI LFN 2004, so as to clearly define persons eligible for the issuance of Diplomatic and Official Passports.