

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR A SYSTEM OF STANDARD SCALE OF FINES AND FINANCIAL PENALTIES IMPOSED BY COURTS, TRIBUNALS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Sponsored by Hon. Razak Atunwa

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) There shall be a Standard Scale of fines for offences, which
2 shall be known as "the Standard Scale".

The Standard Scale of fines and financial penalties

3 (2) The Standard Scale is as shown below:

4	Level on the scale	Amount of fine
5	1.	N25,000
6	2.	N50,000
7	3.	N100,000
8	4.	N250,000
9	5.	N500,000
10	6.	N1,000,000
11	7.	N5,000,000
12	8.	N10,000,000
13	9.	N25,000,000
14	10.	N100,000,000

15 2. Where any enactment (whether contained in an Act passed
16 before or after this Act):

17 (a) provides that a person convicted of an offence shall be liable on
18 conviction to a fine or a maximum fine by reference to a specified level on
19 the Standard Scale; or

20 (b) confers power by subordinate instrument to make a person

1 liable on conviction of an offence (whether or not created by the instrument) to
2 a fine or maximum fine by reference to a specified level on the standard scale it
3 is to be construed as referring to the Standard Scale as provided in Section 1 (2)
4 of this Act.

5 3. Nothing in this Act shall prevent or prohibit an Act of the National
6 Assembly from imposing an indefinite fine outside of the Standard Scale.

Citation.

7 4. This Bill may be cited as the Courts and Tribunals Fines and
8 Financial Penalties Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to make provisions for a system of standard scale of fines and financial penalties imposed by Courts, Tribunals and other statutory instruments.

The standard scale is a system whereby financial criminal penalties (fines) in legislation have maximum levels set against a standard scale. Then, when inflation makes it necessary to increase the levels of the fines the legislators need to modify only the scale rather than every individual piece of legislation.