

**FIREARMS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

**Clause:**

- 1. Amendment of Cap. F28 LFN, 2004**
- 2. Amendment of section 3**
- 3. Amendment of section 6**
- 4. Amendment of section 27**
- 5. Amendment of section 28**
- 6. Amendment of section 30**
- 7. Amendment of section 35**
- 8. Insertion of new section 36A**
- 9. Amendment of section 37**
- 10. Citation**

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIREARMS ACT CAP. F28 LAWS OF THE  
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO REVIEW THE AGE LIMIT OF PERSON WHO  
CAN HOLD A FIREARM LICENCE OR PERMIT, INCREASE SOME PENALTIES; AND  
FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Herman Hembe*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The Firearms Act Cap. F28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,  
2           2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in  
3           this Bill.

Amendment of  
Cap. F28 LFN,  
2004

4           2. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the  
5           word "President" in line 3, the word "or by his authority".

Amendment of  
Section 3

6           3. Section 6 (2) of the Principal Act is amended-  
7           (a) in paragraph (a) by substituting for the word, 'seventeen" after  
8           the word, "of" in line 1, the words, "twenty-one years"; and

Amendment of  
Section 6

9           (b) in paragraph (e) by-  
10          (i) deleting the word, "five years" after the word, "previous" in line

11          1,  
12          (ii) substituting for the words, "the threat of violence", the word,  
13          "kidnapping"; and

14          (c) by inserting a new paragraph "(f)"-  
15          "(f) he has been convicted of an offence involving drugs or use of drugs".

16          4. Section 27 of the Principal Act is amended-  
17          (a) in paragraph (a) (iv) -  
18          (i) by substituting for the word "minimum" before the word  
19          "sentence" in line 3 the word "maximum",

Amendment of  
Section 27

- 1 (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words "not exceeding" after the  
 2 word "not" in the proviso, and
- 3 (iii) in paragraph (c), by substituting for the words "one thousand  
 4 Naira" in the proviso the expression "N100,000.00":
- 5 (b) in subsection (2) by deleting the words "not less than" after the  
 6 word 'of' in line 4; and
- 7 (c) in subsection (3) by deleting the words "of law" after the word  
 8 "court' in line 2.
- 9 **5. Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the**  
 10 **words "one hundred Naira", the expression "N20,000.00".**
- 11 **6. Section 30 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the**  
 12 **words "Criminal Procedure Act" the words "Administration of Criminal**  
 13 **Justice Act".**
- 14 **7. Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the**  
 15 **words "one thousand Naira", the expression N200,000.00".**
- 16 **8. Insert a new section "36A"-**  
 17 **"36A A police officer who fails to comply with the provision of**  
 18 **section 36 of the Principal Act within 7 days commits an offence and shall be**  
 19 **guilty on conviction for a term of 2 years imprisonment".**
- 20 **9. Section 37 (2) of the Principal Act is amend-**  
 21 **(a) in paragraph (d) by substituting for the word "of" after the word**  
 22 **"port" in line 1, the word "or"; and**  
 23 **(b) in the opening paragraph by deleting the word "of" after the word**  
 24 **"purpose" in line 4.**
- 25 **10. This Bill may be cited as the Firearms Act (Amendment) Bill,**  
 26 **2016.**

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Section 28Amendment of  
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Section 36AAmendment of  
Section 37

Citation

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Firearms Act Cap. F28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to review the age limit of persons who can hold firearm licences or permits and increase some penalties.