

A BILL**FOR**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ACT NO.4, 1971 TO PROHIBIT THE BLOCKAGE OF HIGHWAYS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Federal Highways Act No.4, 1971 (in this Act referred to as
2 "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

3 2. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting new
4 subsections 4, 5 and 6 after Section 22(3) as follows,

5 "22(4)-

6 It shall be unlawful for any person or group to assemble human beings,
7 vehicles, other objects or things capable of causing a blockage or
8 obstructing vehicular movement on a Federal Highway without the express
9 permission of the Minister.

10 22(5)-

11 It shall be unlawful for any person or group to carry on a procession on a
12 Federal Highway without the express permission of the Minister.

13 22(6)-

14 Any person or group who cause a blockage or an obstruction on a Federal
15 Highway hindering vehicular or pedestrian movement either permanently
16 or for a particular period, by assembling human beings, vehicles or other
17 objects and/or by carrying on a procession commits an offence under this
18 Act and shall be liable upon conviction to imprisonment for a term of two (2)
19 years or a fine of N10,000,000.00".

Citation

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3. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Highways (Amendment) Bill,

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2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to prohibit the common practice of indiscriminate blockage/obstruction of Federal Highways by individuals or groups and also to restrict processions on Federal Highways except with the express permission of the Minister. The Bill makes it a criminal offence to block/obstruct a Federal Highway or carry on processions on same without the express permission of the Minister and makes it punishable with two (2) years imprisonment upon conviction.