

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF GLASS-BOTTLED DRINKS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*

[ ] Commencement

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

### PART I - OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of this Act are to:

Objectives

(a) Make individuals and companies liable for broken glass bottles that deface and obstruct highways and roads in the event of a road accident;

(b) Ensure that vehicles conveying bottled drinks packed in glass are constructed in a manner to ensure that broken glass shall not be left on the highway without penalty in the event of a road accident.

### PART II - APPLICATION OF THE ACT

2. This Act shall apply to individuals and corporate bodies conveying glass-bottled drinks and any other chemical substance packed in glass that are in transit on roads and highways.

Application of the provision of this Act

### PART III - SAFETY SPECIFICATION

3.-(1) Individuals and Companies conveying any drink, beverage or chemical substance packed in glass bottles, shall ensure that the cabin, carriage or container attached to the truck is constructed in such a way that the cabin, carriage or container is completely sealed up to prevent any glass bottle, broken or in whole, from spilling out of the vehicle, either in motion or in the event of an accident, thereby causing obstruction to other road users.

Safety Specification

(2) All parts of a vehicle transporting goods packed in glass shall be

1 of solid metal, sound material and free from all construction defects.

2 (3) The cab, cabin or trailer body of any vehicle conveying products  
3 packed in glass shall be sealed up and shall not exceed 3.5 metres in height  
4 maximum.

5 PROHIBITION

6 4. This Bill Prohibits-

7 (1) Transporting glass-bottled drinks and substances in an open cab or  
8 cabin.

9 (2) Littering highways and roads with glass, whether broken or  
10 whole.

11 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

12 5.-(1) Any company who authorises his agent to drive a vehicle or  
13 truck conveying glass-bottled drinks and substances without ensuring that the  
14 truck's cabin is sound and free from defects shall be guilty of an offence and  
15 shall be liable to a fine of one million naira (N1,000,000).

16 (2) Any company who authorises his agent to drive a truck conveying  
17 glass-bottled drinks and substances without ensuring that the truck has an  
18 enclosed body of 3.5 metres height maximum shall be liable to a fine of two  
19 million naira (N2,000,000).

20 (3) Any company who causes glass broken or whole to litter on the  
21 road or highway without immediately removing the glass, shall be guilty of an  
22 offence and shall be liable to a fine of three million naira (N3,000,000).

23 (4) Any driver who drives a truck conveying glass-bottled drinks and  
24 substances without ensuring that the truck's cabin is sound and free from  
25 defects, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of five hundred  
26 thousand naira (N500,000) or to imprisonment of not less than six (6) months  
27 or both.

28 (5) Any driver who drives a truck conveying glass-bottled drinks and  
29 substances without ensuring that the truck has an enclosed body of 3.5 metres  
30 height maximum shall be guilty of an offence shall be liable to a fine of five

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1 hundred thousand naira (N500,000) or to imprisonment of not less than six  
2 (6) months or both.

**FOR**

3 (6) Any driver, who causes broken glass to litter on roads and  
4 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF GLASS-BOTTLED  
5 DRINKS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS AND FOR  
6 shall be liable to a fine of one million naira (N1,000,000) or to imprisonment  
7 of not less than one (1) year or both.

*Sponsored by Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*

8 **6. This Bill may be cited as the Safe Transportation of Glass-**

Short Title  
Commencement

**Bottled Drinks and Other Substances on Roads and Highways Bill, 2016.**

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Nigeria as follows-

**This Bill seeks to provide among other things make individuals and**

**PART I - OBJECTIVES**

1 **companies liable for broken glass bottles that deface and obstruct highways**  
2 **and roads in the event of a road accident.**

Objectives

1. The objectives of this Act are to:

3 (a) Make individuals and companies liable for broken glass bottles  
4 that deface and obstruct highways and roads in the event of a road accident;

5 (b) Discourage any person from conveying bottled drinks packed in glass  
6 bottles in a motor vehicle, so that broken glass shall not be left on the  
7 roads and highways in the event of a road accident.

**Part II - Interpretation of the Act**

8 (1) In this Act, "conveying" means to transport or carry in a motor vehicle  
9 any bottled drinks and any other chemical substance packed in  
10 glass bottles, which are on roads and highways.

Interpretation of  
the provisions of  
the Act

**Part III - General Provisions**

13 3. (1) Individuals and Companies conveying any drink, beverage

Scope  
Statement of

14 (2) A) part of a vehicle transporting goods packed in glass bottles

