

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BIRTHS, DEATHS, ETC., (COMPULSORY REGISTRATION) ACT CAP B9 LFN 2004 TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF BIRTHS AND DEATH CERTIFICATES ISSUANCE OR RE-ISSUANCE AND REPLACEMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Lovette Idisi

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Births, Deaths, Etc., (Compulsory Registration) Act Cap
2 B9 LFN 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as
3 set out in this Bill. Amendment of
Cap B9 LFN,
2004
- 4 2. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by numbering the
5 existing section as subsection (1) and inserting immediately after the
6 numbered subsection a new subsection (2) as follows- Amendment of
Section 7
- 7 “(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) above and
8 any other provision of this Bill, every person born after the commencement
9 of this bill and who has proven to the satisfaction of the Registrar not to
10 possess a valid certificate or has misplaced his certificate, shall be registered
11 accordingly and issued or reissued a valid certificate as the case may be.”
- 12 3. Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by Amendment of
Section 24
13 substituting the amount "N500" in line 3 with the amount "N500,000".
- 14 4. Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by Amendment of
Section 26
15 deleting the entire subsection (1) and substituting the deleted provision with
16 a new subsection (1) as follows-
- 17 “(1) the department, section or unit as the case may be, responsible
18 for statistics within the Federal Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Health in
19 each State of the Federation, including the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja

1 and Primary Health Care centres, shall be responsible for the collection of vital
2 statistics comprising.”

Amendment of
Section 28

3 5. Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (4) by
4 substituting the amount "N500" in line 2 with the amount "N1,000,000".

Amendment of
Section 42

5 6. Section 42 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by
6 substituting the amount "N1,000" in line 3 with the amount "N500,000" and
7 also substituting the amount "N2,000" in line 5 with the amount "N1,000,000".

Amendment of
Section 43

8 7. Section of 43 of the Principal Act is amended-

9 (a) in the marginal note by deleting the existing marginal note and
10 substituting it with a new one as follows-

11 "Maintenance and protection of registers"

12 (b) in subsection (1) by inserting the phrase "electronic portals"
13 immediately after the word "boxes" in line 1.

14 (c) by inserting immediately after the existing subsection (2) a new
15 section 43A to read as follows-

16 “43A. Harmonization and Protection of online publication of records
17 Pursuant to the provisions of this Bill, the Registrar-General shall ensure the
18 harmonization with relevant agencies and protection of online publication of
19 records relating to births, deaths and customary marriages.”

Amendment of
Section 44

20 8. Section 44 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by
21 inserting the phrase, "(as amended)" immediately after the number "1999" in
22 line 3.

Amendment of
Section 46

23 9. Section 46 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the
24 amount "N,000" with the amount "N500,000" in line 1 immediately after
25 paragraph (b).

Amendment of
Section 47

26 10. Section 47 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by
27 substituting the amount "N200" in line 3 with the amount "N500,000".

Amendment of
Section 48

28 11. Section 48 of the Principal Act is amended in-

29 (a) subsection (1) by substituting the amount "N50" in line 1 with the
30 amount "N500,000" immediately after paragraph (d).

1 (b) subsection (2) by substituting the amount "N50" in line 3 with
2 the amount "N500,000"

3 12. Section 49 of the Principal Act is amended by renumbering the
4 existing paragraph (h) as paragraph (i) and inserting immediately before the
5 renumbered paragraph (i) a new subsection (h) to read as follows-

Amendment of
Section 49

6 "(i) re-issuance and replacement of certificates required to be
7 issued under this Bill".

8 13. This Bill may be cited as the Births, Deaths, Etc., (Compulsory
9 Registration) (Amendment) Bill 2017.

Short Title

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Births, Deaths, Etc., (Compulsory Registration) Act (Cap B9 LFN 2004) to among other things include Primary Health Care Centers as registration points and review obsolete rates of fines to conform with modern day realities.

