



- 1 for the development and implementation of the system;
- 2 (b) taking all reasonable measures to ensure the participation of
- 3 emergency service agencies in the system on terms required for the effective
- 4 implementation and operation of the system;
- 5 (c) entering into the agreements with individuals, persons,
- 6 organizations or governments to carry out the purpose of this Act;
- 7 (d) developing standards for primary public safety answering points
- 8 and secondary public safety answering points;
- 9 (e) determining the location and coverage areas for primary public
- 10 safety answering points and secondary public safety answering points after
- 11 consultation with states and local government and with affected parties;
- 12 (f) preparing a manual that will provide for and ensure the
- 13 maintenance, at all times, of a means of uniquely identifying every residence
- 14 and business location within the Nation;
- 15 (g) the design and use of an emblem to be associated with the system;
- 16 (h) preparing and administering policies, programmes, standards,
- 17 guidelines, objectives, codes of practice and directives for the purposes of the
- 18 administration and enforcement of this Act

Personnel

19 7. Such officers, clerks, assistants and other persons as are required  
 20 for the purpose of this Act may be appointed in accordance with the Civil  
 21 Service Act.

Exemption from liability

22 8. The National Communications Commission, and emergency  
 23 service agencies are not liable, directly, for a claim arising out of, relating to or  
 24 attributable to personal injury, property damage, death or economic loss or for  
 25 any contribution, reimbursement or indemnification in respect thereof, or a  
 26 suit, a fine, a demand, an action, a loss, costs or damage of any nature or kind  
 27 arising out of the operation of, failure to operate the system or any part of it.

Prohibition respecting automatic alarm

28 9. No person shall connect an automatic alarm of any kind to the  
 29 system

1	10. Except with the written approval of the Nigeria	Prohibition
2	Communications Commission, no person shall use an automatic dialer to	respecting
3	dial the number "191".	automatic dialer
4	11. No person shall use or permit another person to use the	Prohibition
5	telephone to place a false, frivolous or vexatious call to the number "191".	respecting
6	12. A person who violates any of the provisions of this Act or the	vexatious calls
7	regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a	Offences and
8	penalty of not more than Ten Thousand Naira or in default to a term	Penalties
9	imprisonment not exceeding six months, and for each subsequent offence is	
10	liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand	
11	Naira or, in default, to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year.	
12	13.-(1) The Nigeria Communications Commission shall make	Regulations
13	regulations:	
14	(a) respecting standards, locations and coverage areas for primary	
15	public safety answering points and secondary public safety answering	
16	points;	
17	(b) respecting emergency service agencies to which this Act	
18	applies;	
19	(c) requiring the owner or occupier of a residence or business	
20	location to post the applicable civic number on the building;	
21	(d) respecting the size, location and design of civic numbers to be	
22	posted on residences and business locations;	
23	(e) prescribing the minimum and maximum fines to be paid for a	
24	violation of the regulations;	
25	(f) respecting any matter necessary or advisable for the	
26	establishment of fees to recover costs for any services or materials provided	
27	in the course of the administration of this Act or the regulations;	
28	(g) defining any word or expression used but not defined in this	
29	Act;	
30	(h) for any purpose necessary or advisable to carry out the intent	

1 and purpose of this Act.

Civic Number  
and street Names

2 **14.** -The government of a state or a local government council may  
3 assign or cause to be assigned civic numbers to buildings and for that purpose  
4 may name or rename any public or private street, road or lane.

Interpretation

5 **15.-** In this Act,

6 (a) "emergency service agencies" means the public service and  
7 emergency service agencies operating within the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
8 including all Nigeria Police Forces required to be maintained pursuant to the  
9 Police Act, including the Federal Road Safety Commission, Nigeria Fire  
10 Service, National Emergency Management Agency, Nigeria Security and Civil  
11 Defence Corps, all ambulance services operating in Nigeria and such other  
12 emergency service agencies as may be approved by the an Act of the National  
13 Assembly and or State Houses of Assemblies;

14 (b) "emergency service zone" means a geographical area served by a  
15 common group of emergency service agencies;

16 (c) "information" includes, but is not restricted to, information  
17 respecting subscribers to telephone services;

18 (d) "master street address guide" means a database that correlates  
19 civic numbers and street, road or highway names or other identifies with  
20 emergency service zones;

21 (e) "primary public safety answering point" means a communication  
22 centre that is normally the first point of reception of emergency calls;

23 (f) "public safety answering point" means a communication centre  
24 that functions to receive emergency calls and to dispatch such calls to the  
25 appropriate emergency service agency;

26 (g) "secondary public safety answering point" means a  
27 communication centre to which emergency calls are transferred from a primary  
28 public safety answering point that is normally the agency responsible for  
29 dispatching emergency personnel;

30 (h) "system" means an emergency telephone system for the reporting

1 of emergencies to emergency service agencies that automatically connects a  
2 person dialing the digits 191 to a public safety answering point through  
3 telephone network facilities.

4 (i) "national emergency number" means 191.

5 16. This Bill may be cited as the Nationwide Toll Bill, 2015.

6 EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

7 This Bill seeks is to establish a Nationwide Toll-Free Emergency Number as  
8 the primary emergency telephone numbers for use in Nigeria and to  
9 implement a Nation-wide system for the reporting of emergencies to  
10 emergency service agencies.

