

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS ACT CAP M8 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION 2004, TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE CONTINUOUS EDUCATION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Sponsored Senator Mao Ohuabunwa

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal of Nigeria as follows-

1 1. The Medical and Dental Practitioners Act Cap M8 Laws of the
2 Federation 2004 (In his act referred to as "The Principal Act") is amended as
3 set out in this Act.

Amendment of
the Principal Act

4 2. Section 1 of the principal act is amended-

Amendment of
Section 1

5 (1) In subsection 2 by inserting two new paragraph (f) and (g) after
6 the existing paragraph (e) as follows-

7 (f) setting and reviewing the practicing fees to be paid by medical
8 practitioners as it deems fit;

9 (g) maintenance of the highest standard of professional conduct,
10 etiquette and discipline of members;

11 (h) promotion and advancement of the medical and dental
12 practitioners and of a mandatory continuing education for medical and
13 dental practitioners every five years;

14 (2) By renumbering the new and existing paragraphs as f, g, h, and l
15 respectively.

16 3. Section 2 of the principal act is amended in subsection 1
17 paragraph b by inserting the words "and the Federal Capital Territory" after
18 the word Federation.

Amendment of
Section 2

Amendment of
Section 9

1 4. Section 9 of the Principal act is amended by inserting a new
2 subsection (7) after the existing subsection 6 as follows: Subject to the
3 provisions of this section and this act, every person licensed to practice as a
4 Medical and Dental Practitioner in Nigeria after the date this act comes into
5 effect, to be entitled to practice must after every five years obtain a certificate of
6 continuing medical education after completing a basic course to update their
7 knowledge.

Amendment of
Section 14

8 5. Section 14 of the principal act is amended by substituting for the
9 existing (1) and (2) the following new subsection (1) and (2) as follows-

10 (1) No medical and dental practitioner shall have the right to practice
11 as a medical and dental practitioner in any year he or she has not paid to the
12 council in respect of that year such practicing fees as may be prescribed from
13 time to time by the council.

14 (2) The Council may from time vary the rates of practicing fees as it
15 may deem fit in the following categories-

16 (a) Less than 10 years;

17 (b) Not less than 10 years;

18 (c) House Officer; and

19 (d) Limited registration.

Amendment of
Section 17

20 6. Section 17 of the principal act is amended-

21 (1) In subsection 5 (a) by substituting the amount N70,000 for the
22 amount N5,000.

23 (2) In subsection 5 (b) by substituting the amount N300,000 for the
24 amount N10,000.

Citation

25 7. This Bill may be cited as the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act
26 (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The bill seeks to amend the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act Cap MB Laws of the Federation 2004 to amongst other things:

(a) Make provisions for professional service delivery and effective practice by ensuring that Medical and Dental Practitioners have continuing Medical and Dental Practitioner education.

(b) Regulate practicing fees.