

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACT NO 92 2007 AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2016

*Sponsored by Senator Kushamu Buruji*

[ ] Commencement

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

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| 1  | 1. The National Environmental Standards and Regulations                      | Amendment of       |
| 2  | Enforcement Agency Act No 92 2007 (in this Act referred to as ("the          | the National       |
| 3  | principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.                          | Environmental      |
|    |  | Standards and      |
|    |  | Regulations Agency |
|    |  | Act No. 92, 2007   |
| 4  | 2. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended in paragraph (k) by             | Amendment of       |
| 5  | inserting a new subparagraph (xv) as follows "biomedical waste" -            | Section 8          |
| 6  | 3. S, the principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 24A            | Insertion of       |
| 7  | immediately after the existing section 24 as follows-                        | Section 24A        |
| 8  |  | Biomedical         |
| 9  | "24A (1) The Agency in collaboration with other relevant                     |                    |
| 10 | agencies make regulations, guidelines and standards for the promotion and    |                    |
| 11 | enhancement of proper management including generation, accumulation          |                    |
| 12 | ,handling , storage ,treatment ,and disposal of biomedical waste             |                    |
| 13 | (2) A person who violates the provisions of this regulations made            |                    |
| 14 | pursuant to subsection (1) of this section ,commits an offence and is liable |                    |
| 15 | to a fine not exceeding N100,000 or to imprisonment for term not             |                    |
| 16 | exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment and additional      |                    |
| 17 | fine of N10,000 for every day the offence continues.                         |                    |
| 18 | (3) Where an offence under section (1) of this section is committed          |                    |
| 19 | by a body corporate ,it shall be liable on conviction to fine not exceeding  |                    |

1 N1,000,000 and an additional fine of N50,000 for every day the the offence  
2 continues”.

Interpretation

3 **4.** In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires-  
4 “Biomedical” means any waste which is generated during the diagnosis  
5 treatment or immunization of human beings or animals or in research  
6 activities and any waste that is harmful to the environment.

Citation

7 **5.** This Bill may be cited as the National Environmental Standards  
8 and Regulations Enforcement Agency (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill  
9 2016.  
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#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to Amend the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Act no 92 2007 to among others, make provisions for the disposal, treatment, and transportation of biomedical waste in Nigeria.