

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRIVATE GUARD COMPANIES ACT, CAP C367, LFN
2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Chukwuka Utazi

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Private Guard Companies Act Cap. C367, LFN (hereinafter
2 called the "Principal Act") is amended as set out below: Amendment of
the Principal Act
- 3 2. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the Amendment of
Section 7
4 existing Section 7 and substituting same with the following:
5 "Subject to Section 36 (3), no person, Organisation or Company
6 licensed to operate under this Act shall employ any person unless an
7 approval has been granted as specified in form C in the Schedule to this Act
8 for the person to be employed in such Company and subject to:
9 (1) Bio-metric registration by Nigeria Security and Civil Defence
10 Corps.
11 (2) Training and Certification by Nigeria Security and Civil
12 Defence Corps."
- 13 3. Insert a new paragraph (f) to Section 24 thus: Amendment of
Section 24
14 "(f) Acts as or employs an unregistered/uncertified person".
- 15 4. Delete Section 32(1) of the Principal Act and substitute with the Amendment of
Section 32
16 following:
17 "Where a person commits an offence under this Act, he shall,
18 subject to subsection (2) of this Section, be liable on conviction therefor:
19 (a) In case of an individual, to a fine of N25,000 or imprisonment
20 for six months or both such fine and imprisonment; and
21 (b) In case of a body (whether incorporated or unincorporated), to a

Amendment of
Section 36

1 fine of not less than N250,000.”

2 5. -(1) Recast the interpretation of “licensing authority” thus:

3 “‘Licensing authority’ means Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps
4 (NSCDC).”

5 (2) Delete Paragraph (b) of Section 36 (3) and substitute with the
6 following:

7 “Any person, Organisation or Company wishing to employ more than
8 one guard should do so through a duly registered Private Guard Company.”

Citation

9 6. This Bill may be cited as the Private Guard Companies Act, CAP.
10 C367, LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Private Guard Companies Act Cap. C367, LFN to sanitise, standardize and professionalise the private guard security sector in Nigeria to properly regulate the sector.