

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ROBBERY AND FIREARMS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT CAP R11 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR COMPULSORY TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER GUNSHOT WOUNDS, AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Sponsored by Senator Jibril Barau

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act Cap R.11
2 Laws of the Federation 2004 (In this bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is
3 amended as set out in this bill.

4 2. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the
5 existing Section 4 the following new Section 4, that is:

Amendment of
Section 4

6 4.-(1) It shall be an offence punishable under this Act for any
7 person to knowingly house, shelter, or give quarters to any person who has
8 committed an offence under section 1 (2) of this Act.

9 (2)As from the coming into effect of this bill it shall be unlawful for
10 any person, hospital or medical clinic to refuse to treat a patient with gun
11 shot wounds.

12 (3) For the purpose of ensuring that people, hospitals or medical
13 clinics assist the Police in fighting crime, it shall be the duty of persons,
14 hospitals or medical clinics which admit, treat or administer drugs to any
15 person suspected of having gun shot wounds to immediately report the
16 matter to the Police.

17 (4)Any person, hospital or medical clinic which fails to report as
18 stipulated in subsection (3) of this section shall be guilty of an offence under
19 this Act.

1 (5) A person convicted of an offence under subsection (1) (2) and (3)
2 of this section shall be liable:

3 (a) In the case of an individual, to imprisonment of a term not
4 exceeding Five years; and

5 (b) In the case of a Hospital or medical clinic a fine not exceeding
6 N500, 000 and in addition the hospital or clinic shall be closed down.

7 (6) Where a Hospital or medical clinic commits an offence under this
8 Section, any officer, director or agent who directed, authorized, assented to or
9 acquiesced or participated in the commission of the offence is a party to and
10 guilty of the offence and is liable on conviction to the punishment provided for
11 the offence, whether or not the Hospital or medical Clinic has been prosecuted
12 for or convicted of the offence.

13 (7) In any prosecution for an offence under Section, it is sufficient
14 proof of the offence to establish that it was committed by an employee or agent
15 of the accused, whether or not the employee or agent is identified or has been
16 prosecuted for the offence.

Citation

17 3. This bill may be cited as the Robbery and Firearms (Special
18 Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act Cap R11 Laws of the Federation 2004 to among other things prevent the unwholesome practice of Hospitals and medical clinics refusing to treat patients with gunshot wounds and prescribes penalties for default for individuals and organisations.