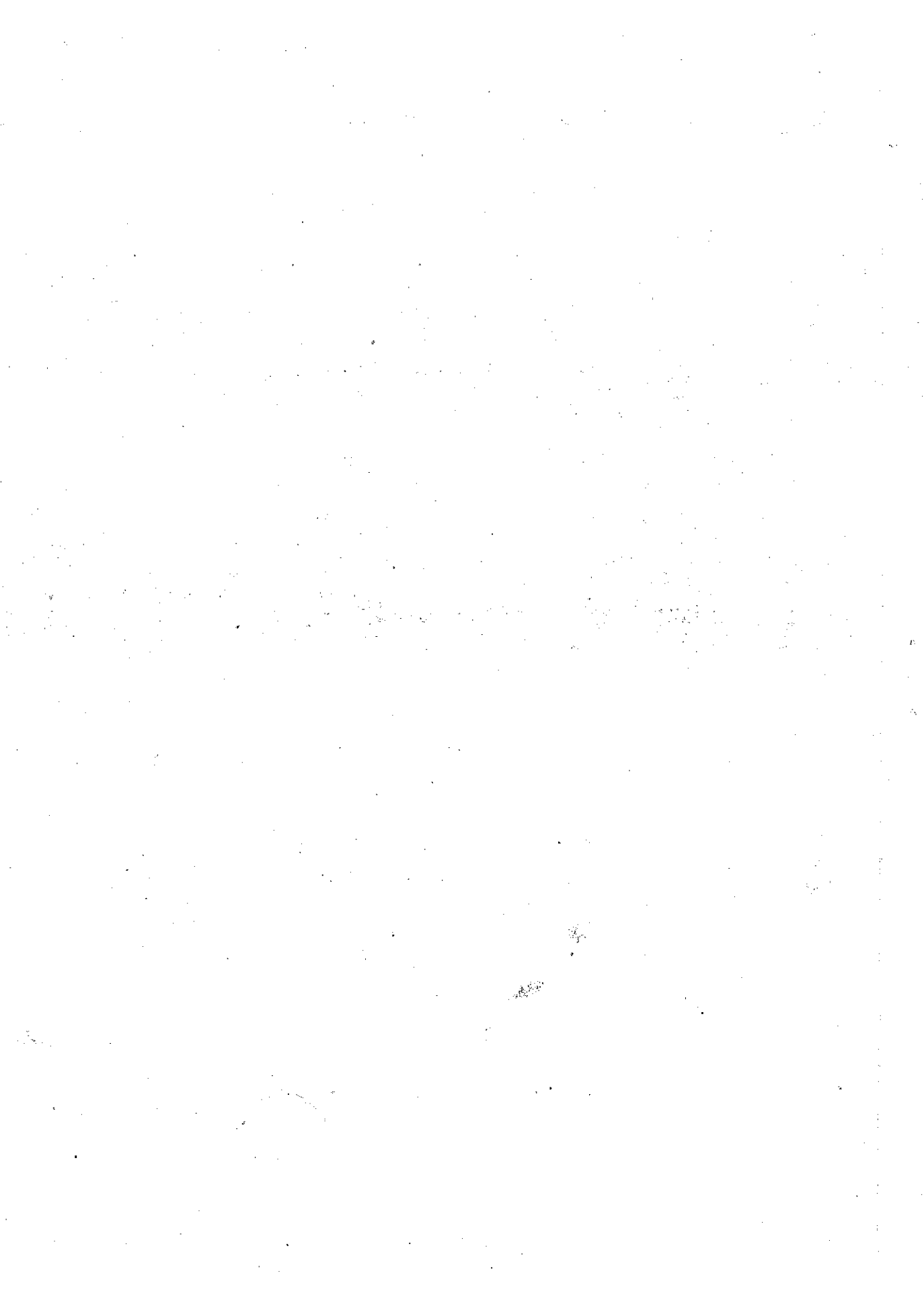


POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

1. Amendment of CAPP19LFN 2004
2. Amendment of section 14
3. Insertion of new section 16A
4. Amendment of Section 39
5. Amendment of Section 40
6. Amendment of Section 41
7. Amendment of Section 42
8. Amendment of Section 52
9. Citation



A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE POLICE ACT CAP P.19 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR ENLISTMENT REQUIREMENT AND WELFARE, ALIGN PUNISHMENTS CONTAINED THEREIN WITH CURRENT REALITIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Oluremi Tinubu

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Police Act Cap P.19 LFN, 2004 (referred to as "the Principal Act)" is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
Cap. P19 LFN,
2004
- 2
- 3 2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting new Amendment of
Section 14
- 4 subsections (2)-(6):
- 5 "(2) Candidates for enlistment in the Force shall face constituted
- 6 panels regardless of gender.
- 7 (3) Only citizens of Nigeria shall be accepted for enlistment.
- 8 (4) The qualifications for a male candidate seeking enlistment in
- 9 the Force as a recruit constable shall be:
- 10 (a) not less than 18 years and not more than 28 years;
- 11 (b) not less than 1.67 metres in height;
- 12 (c) a person with chest measurement that is not less than 86
- 13 centimetres when fully expanded, and with an expansion of not less than 5
- 14 centimetres;
- 15 (d) certified by a government medical officer as being mentally and
- 16 physically fit for service in the Force;
- 17 (e) in possession of a Secondary School Leaving Certificate
- 18 (Middle IV);
- 19 (f) of good character and must not have been convicted of any

1 criminal offence;

2 (g) free from any pecuniary embarrassment.

3 (5) The prescribed qualifications for a woman seeking enlistment in
4 the Force shall be:

5 (a) not less than 18 years and not more 28 years;

6 (b) not less than 1.67 metres in height;

7 (c) certified by a government medical officer as not being pregnant,
8 and is physically and mentally fit for service in the Force;

9 (d) in possession of a Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Middle
10 IV);

11 (e) of good character and must not have been convicted of any
12 criminal offence; and

13 (f) must be free from any pecuniary embarrassment.

14 (6) No Act, Law, subsidiary instrument made under the Principal Act
15 or any other law shall discriminate against any person on the on the basis of
16 gender in accordance with the provisions of section 42 of the 1999 Constitution
17 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).

18 (7) A married woman police officer shall not be granted any special
19 privileges by reason of the fact that she is married and shall be subject to
20 posting and transfer as if she were unmarried”.

Insertion of new
Section 16A

21 3. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 16A:
22 “A female police officer who is pregnant shall be granted maternity leave in
23 accordance with the provisions of general order”.

Amendment of
Section 39

24 4. Section 39 of the Principal Act is amended in line 5 by substituting
25 for the words, “fifty naira or to imprisonment for a term of six months”, the
26 words, “two hundred and fifty thousand naira or imprisonment for a term not
27 exceeding six months”.

Amendment of
Section 40

28 5. Section 40 of the Principal Act is amended in line 5 by substituting
29 for the words, “fifty naira or to imprisonment for a term of six months”, the
30 words, “one hundred thousand naira or imprisonment for a term not exceeding

1 six months”.

2 6. Section 41 of the Principal Act is amended in line 7 by
3 substituting for the words, "ten naira or to imprisonment for a term of one
4 month "the words, "one hundred thousand naira or imprisonment for a term
5 not exceeding three months".

Amendment of
Section 41

6 7. Section 42 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
7 the words "N200 naira or to imprisonment for a term of one year", the words
8 "five hundred thousand naira or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one
9 year.

Amendment of
Section 42

10 8. Section 52(7) of the Principal Act is amended in line 6 by
11 substituting for the words, "forty naira" the words, "two hundred and fifty
12 thousand naira.

Amendment of
Section 52

13 9. This Bill may be cited as the Police (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend The Police Act Cap. P19 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for enlistment requirement and welfare, align punishments contained therein with current realities.

