

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MORAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR NIGERIAN
CITIZENS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** Every Nigerian, irrespective of his/her profession who- Prohibited
- 2 (i) wilfully tell lies to Nigerians with a view to gaining an undue Conducts/Sanctions
- 3 advantage over a personal or national issue;
- 4 (ii) makes a false representation before any established authority
- 5 investigating any administrative or criminal infractions, with the intention
- 6 to hide or cover the truth, deceive or mislead such an authority with intent to
- 7 escape justice;
- 8 (iii) makes a false representation in any document for a personal
- 9 gain or advantage; shall be named, shamed and black-listed.
- 10 **2.** Such an individual shall not be eligible to hold any public office Restrictions from
- 11 whether elective or appointive. Public office
- 12 **3.** There shall be created, a register to be known as the Dishonoured
- 13 Dishonoured List Register to be kept at the office of the Secretary to the List Register
- 14 Government of the Federation, which shall bear the names and details of
- 15 persons who contravene the provisions of this Bill and it shall be made open
- 16 to the public.
- 17 **4.** In this Bill, except the context otherwise provides- Interpretation
- 18 'Nigerian Citizens' includes a Nigerian by birth or naturalization;
- 19 'Named' means having such a person's name in the Dishonoured List
- 20 Register;

1 'Shamed' means making such name(s) as it appears in the Register, open to the
2 public;
3 'Black-listed' means entering such a person's name in the Dishonoured List
4 Register.

Citation

5 **5.** This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Citizens Moral
6 Accountability Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM:

This Bill seeks to make Nigerians morally accountable for their actions and inactions. The current attitude/behaviour of some Nigerians is inimical to public interest and general development of our Country (Nigeria), hence the need to enact this bill to safeguard the integrity of the country from being eroded through the actions/inactions of an individual or group of people.