

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE IMMIGRATION ACT NO.8 2015, TO PROVIDE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER TECHNOLOGY TO FACILITATE THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION THROUGH NIGERIA'S POROUS BORDERS THEREBY ENHANCING BORDER SECURITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Abdulkadir Armayau*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The Immigration Act NO.8 2015 (in this Bill referred to as 'the  
2 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of  
the Immigration  
Act No. 8 2015

3           2. Section 62 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for  
4 the existing paragraph (w), new paragraphs "(w)" and "(y)":

Amendment of  
Section 62

5           "(w) The Division shall take appropriate measures to achieve  
6 deployment of border technology to facilitate:

7           (i) systematic surveillance of the land and maritime borders of  
8 Nigeria through more effective use of technology, such as unmanned aerial  
9 vehicles, ground-based sensors, satellites, radar coverage and cameras, and

10           (ii) collaborate with relevant government agencies to achieve the  
11 effective deployment of border technology to prevent the smuggling of  
12 migrants and related offences; and

13           (y) carrying out such other activities as are necessary or expedient  
14 for the full discharge of any of the functions conferred on it under this Act or  
15 any other law."

16           3 This Bill may be cited as the Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill,  
17 2020.

Citation

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to amend the Immigration Act No.8 2015, to provide for deployment of border technology to facilitate the prevention of illegal migration through Nigeria's porous borders thereby enhancing border security.