

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACT, CAP. N30 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO CONFER ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POWER TO GRANT AND REVOKE LICENCE(S) FOR THE CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS (OR ANY OF ITS THREE SPECIES NAMELY CANNABIS SATIVA, CANNABIS INDICA AND CANNABIS RUDERALIS) PLANT FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap. N30, Amendment of
- 2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (herein referred to as the "Principal Cap. N30, LFN
- 3 Act") is amended as set 2004
- 4 2. Section 3(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after Amendment of
- 5 the existing paragraph "(r)" a new paragraph "(s)" as follows: Section 3
- 6 "(s) grant and revocation of licence for cultivation, sale and
- 7 exportation of cannabis for persons and organisations that satisfy the criteria
- 8 of holding a certification from the National Agency for Food and Drugs
- 9 Administration (NAFDAC) for medicinal use of cannabis"
- 10 3. This Bill may be cited as National Drug Law Enforcement Citation
- 11 Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend Sections 3(1) of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap. N20, Laws of the Federation, 2004 to confer additional responsibility of the power to grant and revoke licence(s) for the cultivation of cannabis (or any of its three species namely Cannabis Sativa, Cannabis Indica, and Cannabis Ruderalis) plant for medicinal purposes.