

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT CAP. M11 LAWS OF
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 2011 TO EMPOWER THE AGENCY OF
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MARITIME SAFETY, SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND SECURITY TO
PROSECUTE OFFENCES UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT AND FOR
RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Bello A. Kajoje

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Merchant Shipping Act CAP. M11 LFN 2011 (hereinafter
2 called "the Principal Act") is hereby amended as follows:
3 2. Section 405 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
4 the existing section 405, the following new Section 405(1) and (2), which
5 shall read thus:
6 “(1) The Agency of Government established and responsible for
7 Maritime Safety and Security shall have the power to arrest, investigate and
8 prosecute persons suspected to have committed an offence under this Act.
9 (2) The power of the Agency of Government established for
10 Maritime Safety, Administration and Security under this Act to prosecute for
11 offences under the Act shall be subject to the powers of the Attorney General
12 of the Federation over public prosecutions as enshrined under the
13 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.”
14 3. This Bill may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Amendment)
15 Bill. 2021.

Amendment of
Merchant Shipping
Act Cap. M11
LFN, 2011

Amendment of
Section 405

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Merchant Shipping Act Cap. M11 LFN 2011 to empower the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency to arrest, investigate and prosecute persons suspected to have committed offence under this Act or that has infringed the provisions of this Act.