

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN LEGION ACT CAP. N119, LAWS OF THE
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO ESTABLISH AND INCLUDE CERTAIN
FUNCTIONS OF THE CORPS OF THE NIGERIAN COMMISSIONAIRES FOR THE
PROPER CARE, GOOD HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE NIGERIAN LEGION
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Patrick Nathan Ifon

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIAN LEGION

2 *Section 1*

3 1. In Section 1 a new subsection be added as section 1(5) to read as
4 follows:

Establishment
and functions of
the Nigerian
Legion

5 "1(5) there shall be established under (within) the Nigerian legion
6 the corps of the Nigerian Commissionaires which membership qualification
7 shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 10(a), (d) and (e) of this
8 Act."

9 *Section 3*

10 2. In Section 3 (e) the phrase:

Powers of the
Legion

11 "Subject to the land USE Act" be removed so that it will read:

12 "acquire interest in, take on lease or otherwise acquire offices,
13 houses or other buildings, lands and hereditaments which may from time to
14 time be acquired for the purposes of the legion or for effectuating any of its
15 functions under this Act".

1 It has to be noticed that the land use act does not apply to all the parts of the
2 country.

3 PART II

4 *Section 3*

5 3. That under Section 4 of the principal Act, A PROVISIO be added at
6 the end of section 4 to read:

7 “Provided always that no officer of the corps of Nigerian
8 commissionaires shall be promoted above the rank of a brigadier General”.

9 That a new sub-paragraph (4) be added under Section 4 to make a section 4(4)
10 and that the new sub-section should read:

11 The legion shall have power to establish authorize and ensure the training of the
12 members of the Corp of Nigerian Commissionaires and that such training
13 should include but not limited to physical, psychological and combatant
14 instructions and practice, including military science so that the officers of the
15 corps of Nigerian Commissionaires can serve as can ancillary arm of the
16 Legion or reserve soldiers.

17 PART III

18 *Section 6: objective of the legion*

19 That two sub-paragraphs be added under Section 6 as 6(0) and 6(p) to
20 read thus:

21 “6(0) To ensure that member of the corps of Nigerian
22 Commissionaires or any other auxiliary body are well trained as reserve men
23 who will not only assist the Nigerian Legion but even service men in crisis
24 situation;

25 6(p) to involve the auxiliary arm or the Corps of Nigerian
26 Commissionaires in productive security information communications and
27 logistics”.

28 *Section 14 Interpretation*

29 “Commandant General” - Means the Commandant General of the Nigerian
30 presently known as chairman;

1 “Deputy Commandant General” - Each of the classes of membership of
2 National Council the Nigeria Legion shall have a Deputy Head/Chairman
3 which deputies the Commandant General e.g. Deputy Commandant
4 General Corps of Commissionaires;

5 “National Council” - Means as Assembly of the Commandant General, the
6 Deputy Commandant Generals at the National office. The Assistant
7 Commandant Generals at the 6 Geopolitical Zones and the State
8 Commandant.

9 4. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Legion Act (Amendment) Citation
10 Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Legion Act to include certain functions of the Corps of Nigerian Commissionaires for the proper care, good health and welfare of the Nigerian Legion.