

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE ACT CAP C38 LFN 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR A MORE RATIONAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE OFFENCE OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Criminal Code Act Cap C38 LFN 2004 (in this Bill referred
2 to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
the Criminal
Code Act
Cap C38 LFN
2004

3 2. Section 327 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by
4 expunging the term "imprisonment for one year" and replacing same with
5 the term "Compulsory Counseling and Community Service for a period not
6 less than six months".

Amendment of
Section 327

7 3. Section 327 of the Principal Act will now be read as follows:

8 "Any person who attempts to kill himself is guilty of a
9 misdemeanour, and is liable to Compulsory Counseling and Community
10 Service for a period not less than six months".

11 4. The Bill may be cited as the Criminal Code Act (Amendment)
12 Bill, 2021.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Criminal Code Act Cap C38 LFN 2004 to provide for a more rational punishment for the offence of attempted suicide. The punishment proposed by this Bill be curative and punitive thereby making it possible for victims to be able to reintegrate into the society.