

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 2015 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Shina Abiola Peller

[] Commencement

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

1 1. Sections 7(2), 7(3) and 7(4) of the Principal Act are hereby
2 deleted and replaced with a new Section 7(2) to read the "person who
3 commits an offence of defilement with a child under the age of eighteen
4 years old is liable upon conviction to imprisonment for life".

5 2. Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended by removing the
6 words "has the meaning assigned thereto in the Infant Relief Act" and
7 replace it with "means any person under the age of eighteen years old" to
8 read ""Child" means any person under the age of eighteen years old"

Amendment of
Section 50

9 3. This Bill may be cited as the Sexual Offences Act (Amendment)
10 Bill, 2019.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend Sections 7(2), 7(3) and 7(4) of the Sexual Offences Act to delete superfluous provisions which may be misleading and fail to convey the draftsman's intent thereby altering the meaning/application of the Section and replacing same with a more appropriate provision.