

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ABUJA (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) ACT (CAP. N44 LFN, 2004) AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha*

[ - ] Commencement

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

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| 1  | 1. The National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja                       | Amendment of   |
| 2  | (Establishment, etc.) Act (Cap. N44 LFN, 2004) (hereinafter referred to as   | Cap. N44, LFN, |
| 3  | "the Principal Act" is hereby amended as set out in this Act.                | 2004           |
| 4  | 2. The long title of the Principal Act is amended by inserting               | Amendment of   |
| 5  | immediately after the word "Hospital" the words "and Centre".                | the Long Title |
| 6  | 3. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by            | Amendment of   |
| 7  | deleting the words "National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja" and     | Section 1      |
| 8  | inserting the words "National Hospital and Centre for Women and Children,    |                |
| 9  | Abuja" instead thereof.  |                |
| 10 | 4. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the             | Amendment of   |
| 11 | words of the section with the following, that is-                            | Section 2      |
| 12 | "There shall be established for the hospital a Management Board (in this Act |                |
| 13 | referred to as "the Board" which shall have the powers to perform the        |                |
| 14 | functions".  |                |
| 15 | 5. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended-                                | Amendment of   |
| 16 | (a) in subsection (1) by deleting paragraphs (c) to (j) and inserting-       | Section 3      |
| 17 | "(c) a representative each of the following, that is-                        |                |
| 18 | (i) the Federal Ministry of Health;  |                |
| 19 | (ii) the Nigerian Medical Association;                                       |                |
| 20 | (iii) the Society of Gynecology and obstetrics of Nigeria;                   |                |

- 1 (iv) the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria;
- 2 (v) the Pediatric Association of Nigeria; and
- 3 (vi) the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives"
- 4 instead thereof; and
- 5 (b) in subsection (2) (a) by inserting immediately after the word
- 6 "President" the words "on the recommendation of the Minister".
- Schedule 7 (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act
- 8 shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other
- 9 matters contained therein.
- Amendment of 10 6. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended in paragraph (a) by
- Section 4 11 deleting the word "three" wherever appearing in the paragraph and inserting
- 12 the word "four" instead thereof.
- Amendment of 13 7. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended-
- Section 8 14 (a) in paragraph (a) by deleting the word "provide@" and inserting the
- 15 word "formulate" instead thereof; and
- 16 (b) by inserting immediately after paragraph (c) and new paragraph
- 17 (f), that is-
- 18 "(f) develop and maintain affiliation with local and international
- 19 health institutions to help promote health services, research and training at the
- 20 hospital;" and consequentially renumbering the existing paragraph (f) as
- 21 paragraph (g).
- Amendment of 22 8. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended-
- Section 10 23 (a) in subsection (1)(a)(ii) by inserting before the word "conduct" the
- 24 words "be the Secretary to the Board and"; and
- 25 (b) in subsection (1)(d) by deleting the word "Maintenance" and
- 26 inserting the word "Works" instead thereof.
- Amendment of 27 9. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by
- Section 11 28 deleting the word "Pensions" and inserting the words "Pension Reform"
- 29 instead thereof.

- 1                   **10.** Section 12 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1)(a)      Amendment of  
2                   by deleting immediately after the word "and" the words "such number of      Section 12  
3                   other members as may be determined from time to time" and inserting the  
4                   words "all the heads of clinical departments" instead thereof.
- 5                   **11.** Section 16 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by      Amendment of  
6                   deleting the words "Secretary to the Government of the Federation" and      Section 16  
7                   inserting the word "Minister" instead thereof.
- 8                   **12.** Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the      Amendment of  
9                   word "President" wherever appearing in the section and inserting the word      Section 17  
10                  "Minister" instead thereof.
- 11                  **13.** Section 21 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by      Amendment of  
12                  deleting immediately after the word "student" the word "of" and inserting      Section 21  
13                  the words "pursuing a course run by" instead thereof.
- 14                  **14.** Section 25 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the      Amendment of  
15                  word "President" and inserting the word "Minister" instead thereof.      Section 25
- 16                  **15.** The Short Title of the principal Act is amended by inserting      Amendment of  
17                  immediately after the word "Hospital" the words "and Centre".      the Short Title
- 18                  **16.** This Bill may be cited as the National Hospital for Women and      Short Title  
19                  Children, Abuja (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap N44 LFN 2004, to remove the hospital from the supervision of the Presidency and place it under the Federal Ministry of Health, to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness and for other matters.

