

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIREARMS ACT CAP F28 LEN, 1979, TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS UNDER THE ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

*Sponsored by Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The Firearms Act no. 32, Cap. F28 LFN, 1959 (here in referred  
2 to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out below.

Amendment of  
the Principal Act

3           2. Section 27 (1)(c) of the Principal Act is amended by increasing  
4 the fine attached to offence to read as follows:

Amendment of  
Section 27(1)(c)

5           (c) as to any offences under any of the following:

6           (i) section 5 (3) of this Act (which restricts the possession or control  
7 of a muzzle-loading firearm within a specified area);

8           (ii) section 7(2) of this Act, (which requires notification of loss,  
9 theft or destruction and certain other things with respect to firearms);

10          (iii) section 10 of this Act (which relates to a registered dealer's  
11 armoury);

12          (iv) section 11 of this Act (which deals with the sale or transfer of  
13 firearms or ammunition to license holders); and

14          (v) section 12 of this Act (which relates to the stamping of all  
15 firearms sold or transferred), to a fine of two hundred thousand naira or  
16 imprisonment for a term of two years or to both fine and imprisonment.

17          3. Section 28 of the principal Act is amended by increasing the  
18 attached penalty to read as follows:

Amendment of  
Section 28

19          28. Production of license:

The holder of any license or permit granted in accordance with the provision

1 of this Act shall produce the same, and if so required any firearm or  
2 ammunition to which such license or permit relates, upon the request of a  
3 police officer, and in default shall be liable upon conviction to a fine of two  
4 hundred thousand naira or imprisonment for three years or both.

Amendment of  
Section 29

5 4. Section 29 of the Principal Act is amended by specifying the  
6 number of hours required to be termed as reasonable time to read as follows:

7 29. Time for compliance:  
8 Reasonable time of not less than twenty four hours and not more than seventy  
9 two hours shall be given by a police officer for compliance with the provision  
10 of section 28 of this Act.

Amendment of  
Section 48

11 5. Section 48 of firearms regulations (LFN of 1959, Section 33) of the  
12 principal Act is amended by increasing fines and penalties to read as follows:

13 48. Offence and Penalties:  
14 Any person who contravene or fails to comply with the provisions of regulation  
15 6(1),9, 10, 14,15,17, or 21 of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and  
16 liable to a fine of two hundred thousand naira or imprisonment for three years  
17 or both.

Amendment of  
Second Schedule

18 6. Second Schedule of the subsidiary legislation relating to  
19 regulation 46 of the Principal Act is amended by increasing license fees to read  
20 as follows;

21 SECOND SCHEDULE

22 [Regulation 46.]

23 Fees payable for licenses, permits and registration, and renewals thereof:

- 24 1. For a license to import arms or ammunition:
- 25 (a) For any fire arm of category 6, 7 or 8 in Part I of the Schedule to the
- 26 Act. .... 50,000;
- 27 (b) For any fire arm of category 1 and 2 in Part II of the Schedule to the
- 28 Act.....20,000;
- 29 (c) For any air-rifle..... 10,000;

- 1 (d) For every 100 cartridges or part thereof.....
- 2 5,000.
- 3 2. For a license to bear:
- 4 (a) Any firearm of category 6, 7 or 8 in Part I of the Schedule to the
- 5 Act.....60,000;
- 6 (b) Any firearm of category 1 and 2 in Part II of the Schedule to the
- 7 Act.....20,000;
- 8 (c) Any air-rifle..... 10,000.
- 9 3. For a permit granted in respect of arms in transit:
- 10 (a) For any firearm..... 10,000;
- 11 (b) For every 100 cartridges or part thereof..... 10,000.
- 12 4. For a permit to carry on a business for the manufacture and
- 13 repair of firearms specified in part III of the Schedule to the Act in premises
- 14 which constitute a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act
- 15 (Cap.F1).....2,500,0000
- 16 5. For registration as a registered firearms dealer.....2,5000000
- 17 6. For a permit to carry on the business of repairing firearms
- 18 referred in Parts II and III of the Schedule to the Act.....500,000
- 19 7. For a permit to carry on the business of manufacture and repair
- 20 of firearms specified in Part III of the Schedule to the Act in premises which
- 21 do not constitute a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act
- 22 (Cap.F1.....500,000.
- 23 7. This Bill may be cited as the Firearms Act (Amendment) Bill, Citation
- 24 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Fire Arms Act. Cap F28 LFN, 1959, to increase fines and penalties for offences as well as Miscellaneous Provisions under the Act.

