A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE IGBOORA, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019 Sponsored by Hon. Muraina Saubana Ajibola

] Commencement

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

1	1(1) There is hereby established the Federal Medical Centre	Establishment
2	Igboora (in this Bill referred to as "the Federal Medical Centre") and the	of Federal Medical Centre Igboora
3	Medical Centre shall serve as the Medical Centre subject to the provision of	1900014
4	this Bill.	
5	(2) The hospital:	
6	(a) shall be a body corporate;	
7	(b) May sue and be sued in its corporate name;	
8	(c) Shall have perpetual succession and a common seal.	
9	2. There is hereby established for the management of the Medical	Establishment
10	Centre a Board of Management (in this Bill referred to as "Board") which	of the Board of Management of the Medical Centre
11	shall be constituted and have the functions and powers set out in this Bill.	the Medical Centre
12	3. -(1) The Board shall consist of:	Membership of
13	(a) a chairman;	the Board
14	(b) the Chief Medical Director of the Medical Centre;	
15	(c) the Director of Clinical Services;	
16	(d) the Director of Administration;	
17	(e) the Director of Finance;	
18	(f) the Director of Maintenance;	
19	(g) a representative of the president	
20	(h) the Federal Ministry of Health;	
21	(I) the National Planning Commission;	

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	1	(j) the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria;
	2	(k) the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria;
	3	(l) the Paediatric Association of Nigeria;
	4	(m) the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives; and
	5	(n) one person to represent public interest.
	6	(2) The chairman and members of the Board, other than ex-officio
	7	members, shall be:
	8	(a) appointed by the President; and
	9	(b) persons of proven integrity and ability.
	10	(3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill
	11	shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other
	12	matters contained therein.
	13	[Schedule.]
Tenure of office	14	4. Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Bill, a member of the
	15	Board, other than ex-officio members, shall each hold office:
	16	(a) for a term of three years in the first instance and may be re-
	17	appointed for a further term of three years and no more; and
	18	(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
	19	appointment.
Cessation of membership	20	5(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Bill a person
membership	21	shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if:
	22	(a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payment principal loan with his
	23	creditors;
	24	(b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or
	25	fraud;
	26	(c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his
	27	duties;
	28	(d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or
	29	(e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he
	30	is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from practising his

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1	profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority	
2	made in respect of that member; or	
3	(f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.	
4	(2) If a member of the Board ceases to hold office for any reason	
5	whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed,	
6	another person representing the same Interest as that member shall be	
7	appointed to the Board for the unexpired term.	
8	(3) A member of the Board may be removed by the President if he is	
9	satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Medical Centre or the interest of	
10	the public that the member continues in office.	
11	6. There shall be paid to every member of the Board such	Allowances of
12	allowances and expenses as the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal	members
13	Commission may, from time to time, direct.	
14	PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD, ETC.	
15	7(1) The Board shall:	Functions of
16	(a) equip, maintain and operate the Medical Centre so as to provide	the Board
17	facilities for diagnosis, curative, promotive and rehabilitative services in	
18	medical treatment;	
19	(b) construct, equip, maintain and operate such training schools	
20	and similar institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the	
21	Medical Centre at all times with a proper staff of the Medical Centre	
22	technicians and nurses;	
23	(c) construct, equip, maintain and operate such clinics, out-patient	
24	departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like	
25	institutions as the Board considers necessary for the efficient functioning of	
26	the Medical Centre.	
27	(2) The Board shall ensure that the standards of teaching provided	
28	at all establishments under its control and the standards of treatment and care	
29	provided for patients at those establishments do not fall below those usually	
30	provided by similar establishments of international repute.	

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	1	(3) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall perform such other functions
	2	which in its opinion are calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions
	3	under this Bill.
Powers of the	4	8. The Board shall have power to:
Board	5	(a) Provide the general policies and guidelines relating to major
	6	expansion programmes of the Medical Centre;
	7	(b) provide facilities for the training of medical students of associate
	8	universities;
	9	(c) manage and superintend the affairs of the Medical Centre;
	10	(d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, make, alter and revoke rules
	11	and regulations for carrying on the functions of the Medical Centre;
	12	(e) fix terms and conditions of service, including remuneration of the
	13	employees of the Medical Centre subject to the approval of National Salaries
	14	Incomes and Wages Commission;
	15	(f) do such other things which in the opinion of the Board are
	16	necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Medical
	17	Centre.
	18	Part III - Staff Of The Medical Centre
Medical Director of the Medical	19	9(1) There shall be for the Medical Centre a Chief Medical Director
Centre	20	who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Board
	21	and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
	22	appointment or as may be determined, from time to time, by the National
	23	Salaries Income and Wages Commission.
	24	(2) The Chief Medical Director shall:
	25	(a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Medical
	26	Centre;
	27	(b) be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day administration of
	28	the Medical Centre;
	29	(c) be appointed for a term of four years in the first instance and may

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1	be reappointed for a further term of four years subject to satisfactory	
2	performance;	
3	(d) be a person who is a medical practitioner and shall have been so	
4	qualified for a period of not less than 15 years;	
5	(e) have considerable administrative experience in matters of	
6	health;	
7	(f) hold a post-graduate specialist qualification obtained not less	
8	than ten years prior to the appointment as Chief Medical Director.	
9	10. -(1) The Board shall appoint for the Medical Centre:	Appointment
10	(a) a Director of Administration, who shall:	of Directors and other staff of the Medical Centre
11	(i) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for the effective	Wedlear Centre
12	functioning of all the administrative divisions of the Medical Centre;	
13	(ii) conduct the correspondence of the Board and keep the records	
14	of the Medical Centre; and	
15	(iii) perform such other functions as the Board or the Chief Medical	
16	Director, as the case may be, may, from time to time, assign to him;	
17	(b) a Director of Clinical Services;	
18	(c) a Director of Finance;	
19	(d) a Director of Maintenance.	
20	(2) The Directors appointed under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of	
21	subsection (I) of this section shall each be responsible to the Chief Medical	
22	Director for the effective running of the clinical services, the finance and	
23	accounts and the co-ordination of the maintenance of the Medical Centre, as	
24	the case may be.	
25	(3) The Board shall appoint for the Medical Centre such number of	
26	employees as may in the opinion of the Board be expedient and necessary	
27	for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Medical	
28	Centre.	
29	(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (I) and (2) of	
30	this section the Board shall have power to appoint for the Medical Centre	

	1	either directly or on secondment from any public service in the Federation
	2	such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board, be required to
	3	assist the Medical Centre in the discharge of any of its functions under this Bill.
	4	(5) Nothing in subsection (4) of this section shall preclude the Board
	5	from appointing persons from outside the public service of the Federation or o
	6	the State whenever it deems it necessary so to do.
	7	(6) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration
	8	allowances, benefits and pensions) of the employees of the Medical Centre
	9	shall be as determined by the National Salaries Income and Wage
	10	Commission.
Service in the	11	11(1) Service in the Medical Centre shall be approved service for the
Medical Centre to be pensionable	12	purposes of the Pensions Reforms Bill.
	13	(2) The officers and other persons employed in the Medical Centr
	14	shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as an
	15	enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of th
	16	Federation.
	17	(3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the
	18	appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of
	19	pension and gratuity in respect of that office.
Establishment	20	12(1) There shall be for the Medical Centre a Medical Advisor
of the Medical Advisory Committee, etc.	21	Committee which shall:
commuce, etc.	22	(a) consist of a chairman who shall be the Director, Clinical Service
	23	and such number of other members as may be determined from time to time;
	24	(b) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for all the clinical and
	25	training activities of the Medical Centre; and
	26	(c) be appointed by the Board.
	27	(2) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to appoint eithe
	28	directly or on secondment and discipline consultants holding or acting in an
	29	office in the hospital; and any such appointment shall be made having du
	30	regard to the approved personnel establishment of the Medical Centre.

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1	(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may, from	
2	time to time, appoint consultants outside the hospital to perform such	
3	medical duties as the Board or the Chief Medical Director may assign to	
4	such consultants.	
5	PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS	
6	13. There shall be established and maintained for the Medical	Fund of the
7	Centre a fund into which shall be paid and credited:	Medical Centre
8	(a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Government	
9	of the Federation;	
10	(b) all fees and funds accruing from the sale of drugs and other	
11	services;	
12	(c) all sums accruing to the Medical Centre by way of gifts,	
13	endowments, bequests, grants or other contributions by persons and	
14	organisations;	
15	(d) foreign aid and assistance from bilateral agencies; and	
16	(e) all other sums which may, from time to time, accrue to the	
17	Medical Centre.	
18	14. The hospital shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its	Expenditure of the Medical Centre
19	disposal to:	the Medical Centre
20	(a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the Medical	
21	Centre;	
22	(b) publicize and promote the activities of the Medical Centre;	
23	(c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the	
24	Board and committees of the Board;	
25	(d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the	
26	Medical Centre;	
27	(e) pay other overhead allowances, benefits and other	
28	administrative costs of the Medical Centre; and	
29	(f) undertake such other activities as are connected with all or any	
30	of the functions of the Medical Centre under this Bill.	

Power to accept	1	15(1) The Medical Centre may accept gifts of land, money or other
gifts	2	property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person
	3	or organisation making the gift.
	4	(2) The Medical Centre shall not accept any gift if the conditions
	5	attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the
	6	functions of the Medical Centre under this Bill.
Annual estimates and expenditure	7	16(1) The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year,
and expenditure	8	submit to the President through the Secretary to the Government of the
	9	Federation an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Medical Centre
	10	during the next succeeding year.
	11	(2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Medical
	12	Centre in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall
	13	cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each
	14	year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines
	15	supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.
Annual report	16	17. The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, not later than
	17	30 June in each year, a report in such form as the President may direct on the
	18	activities of the Medical Centre during the immediately preceding year, and
	19	shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Federal Medical
	20	Centre for that year and the auditor's report thereon.
Power to borrow	21	18(1) The Medical Centre may, from time to time, borrow by
	22	overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its
	23	functions' under this Bill.
	24	(2) The Medical Centre shall not, without the approval of the
	25	President, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the
	26	President.
	27	(3) Notwithstanding subsection (I) of this section, where the sum to be
	28	borrowed is in foreign currency, the Medical Centre shall not borrow the sum
	29	without the prior approval of the President.

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1	19(1) The Medical Centre shall not pay income tax on any income	Exemption from
2	derived by the Federal Medical Centre under this Bill or accruing to it from	tax
3	any of its investments.	
4	(2) Accordingly, the provisions of any enactment relating to the	
5	taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Board of the	
6	Federal Medical Centre.	
7	20. The Medical Centre shall not pay customs duty on or be	Exemption from
8	restricted or prohibited from importing any equipment, material, supply and	customs duties, etc.
9	any other thing required by the Medical Centre for the purposes of this Bill.	
10	PART V - GENERAL	
11	21 (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any	Discipline of
12	other enactment, where it appears to the Board that any student of the	students
13	Medical Centre has been guilty of misconduct, the Board may, without	
14	prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations,	
15	direct:	
16	(a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified	
17	in the direction, participate in such activities of the Medical Centre, or make	
18	use of such facilities of the Medical Centre as may be so specified;	
19	(b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may	
20	be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so	
21	specified;	
22	(c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified	
23	in the direction; or	
24	(d) that the student be expelled from the Medical Centre.	
25	(2) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance	
26	of subsection (1) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction	
27	while the appeal is pending.	
28	(3) The Board may delegate its powers under this section to a	
29	disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Medical Centre	
30	as the Board may nominate.	

	1	(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the
	2	restriction or termination of student's activities at the Medical Centre otherwise
	3	than on the ground of misconduct.
	4	(5) A direction issued under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be
	5	combined with a direction issued under subsection $(1)(b)$ of this section.
	6	(6) Nothing in this Bill shall affect the provisions of any enactment
	7	relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, midwives,
	8	nurses or members of any other profession or calling.
and	9	22. -(1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing
e of rative	10	that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or
nical	11	technical staff of the Medical Centre, other than the Chief Medical Director,
	12	should be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the
	13	Director of Administration to:
	14	(a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
	15	(b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on
	16	the matter to the Board; and
	17	(c) if the person in question so requests within a period of 1 month
	18	beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements for:
	19	(i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the Board;
	20	and
	21	(ii) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing
	22	before and being heard by an investigating committee set up with respect to the
	23	matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating
	24	committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as
	25	aforesaid, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of
	26	the Board.
	27	(2) The Chief Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a
	28	member of the staff which in the opinion of the Chief Medical Director is
	29	prejudicial to the interest of the Medical Centre, suspend any such member and
	30	any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.

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1	(3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from
2	his duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by
3	the Board and for the purposes of this section, "good cause" means:
4	(a) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be
5	such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the
6	functions of his office;
7	(b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after
8	obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person
9	concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
10	(c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the
11	Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to
12	continue to hold his office; or
13	(d) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute a
14	failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his
15	office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
16	(4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3)
17	of this section be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a
18	period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case
19	against that person and come to a decision as to:
20	(a) whether to continue the person's suspension and if so, on what
21	terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
22	(b) whether to reinstate the person, in which case the Board shall
23	restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
24	(c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned,
25	in which case he shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments
26	withheld during the period of suspension; or
27	(d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the
28	person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been
29	withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board,
30	pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides

	1	to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall before the
	2	expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final
	3	determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
	4	(5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is
	5	signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavors to
	6	cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the
	7	person to whom it relates.
	8	(6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall preclude
	9	the Board from making such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of
	10	this Bill for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of
	11	the hospital as the Board may prescribe.
	12	(7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section need not be
	13	published in the Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the
	14	notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time,
	15	determine.
Discipline of unior staff	16	23(1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the
unior starr	17	Chief Medical Director may suspend him for not more than a period of 3
	18	months and shall direct a committee to:
	19	(a) consider the case; and
	20	(b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by
	21	the Chief Medical Director.
	22	(2) In all cases under this section of this Bill, the officer shall be
	23	informed of the charge against him and given a reasonable opportunity to
	24	defend himself.
	25	(3) The Chief Medical Director may, after considering the
	26	recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss,
	27	or take such other disciplinary action against the officer concerned.
	28	(4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Chief Medical Director
	29	made under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from
	20	the date of the letter communicating the decision to him address a patition to

30 the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to

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1	the Board to reconsider his case.	
2	PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS	
3	24. -(1) The Board may, with the approval of the President, make	Regulations
4	regulations	
5	(a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or of a	
6	particular class, to premises under the control of the Board and as to the	
7	orderly conduct of members of the public on those premises; and	
8	(b) for safeguarding any property belonging to or controlled by the	
9	Board from damage by members of the public.	
10	(2) Bye-laws under this section shall not come into force until they	
11	are confirmed (with or without modification) by the National Assembly and	
12	published in such manner as he may direct.	
13	25. The President may give to the Board directions of a general	Powers to give Directives
14	character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual	Directives
15	person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions	
16	under this Act, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the	
17	directions; but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the	
18	duties of the Board under this Bill.	
19	26. -(1) On the commencement of this Bill, any person employed	Transition and
20	by or serving in, the Medical Centre shall be deemed to have been employed	Savings Provision
21	or serving in the Medical Centre established under this Bill.	
22	(2) All Assets or liabilities belonging to the Medical Centre shall be	
23	deemed to belong to the Medical Centre established under this Bill.	
24	27. In this Bill:	Interpretation
25	"associate universities" means the universities whose medical students	
26	receive aspects of their training from the Medical Centre;	
27	"Board" means the Board of Management of the Medical Centre;	
28	"chairman" means the chairman of the Board;	
29	"functions" include powers and duties;	
30	"Federal Medical Centre "means the Medical Centre Igboora;	

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	1	"junior staff' means staff of such grade as may be determined, from time to
	2	time, by the Board;
	3	"medical student" means a student whose course of instruction is:
	4	(a) designed (either alone or in conjunction with other courses) to
	5	enable him to qualify as a medical practitioner; or
	6	(b) designed for the further training of medical practitioners;
	7	"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating
	8	to health and "Ministry" shall be construed accordingly;
	9	"student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board for
	10	the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.
Short title	11	28. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centre Igboora
	12	(Establishment) Bill, 2019.
	13	Schedule
	14	[Section 3 (3).]
	15	SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.
	16	Proceedings of the Board
	17	1(1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the
	18	Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of
	19	its committees.
	20	(2) The quorum of the Board shall be the chairman or the person
	21	presiding at the meeting and 5 other members of the Board, 2 of whom shall be
	22	ex-officio members, and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be as
	23	determined by the Board.
	24	2(1) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the
	25	chairman and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not
	26	less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held
	27	within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.
	28	(2) At any meeting of the Board, the chairman shall preside but if he is
	29	absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to
	30	preside at the meeting.

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1	(3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a	
2	particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it	
3	deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub-paragraph	
4	shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count	
5	towards a quorum.	
6	Committees	
7	3(1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out,	
8	on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.	
9	(2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of	
10	such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and a person	
11	shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his	
12	appointment.	
13	(3) A decision of a committee of the Board shall be of no effect until	
14	it is confirmed by the Board.	
15	Miscellaneous	
16	4(1) The fixing of the seal of the Medical Centre shall be	
17	authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman, the Chief Medical Director	
18	or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that	
19	purpose.	
20	(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a	
21	person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal	
22	may be made or executed on behalf of the Medical Centre by the Chief	
23	Medical Director or any person generally or specifically authorized by the	
24	Board to act for that purpose.	
25	(3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under	
26	the seal of the Medical Centre shall be received in evidence and shall, unless	
27	and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.	
28	5. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of a committee	
29	shall not be adversely affected by:	
30	(a) a vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee;	

1 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or 2 committee; or

3 (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the4 proceedings of the Board or committee.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to Provide for the Legal Framework to Establish the Federal Medical Centre Igboora.