

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

(ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) BILL, 2019

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FOR

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT (CAP 34, LFN 2004) AND ENACT THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT 2019 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND A STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR EACH STATE IN THE FEDERATION; AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, ETC., OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
2 MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the
4 National Emergency Management Agency (in this Act referred to as "the
5 Agency").

Establishment of the National Emergency Management Agency. etc.

6 (2) The Agency:

7 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession; and

8 (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

9 2.-(1) The main objects of the Agency are as follows:

Objectives of the Agency

10 (a) to help communities:

11 (i) mitigate the potential adverse effects of a disaster or an
12 emergency situation;

13 (ii) prepare for managing the effects of a disaster or an emergency
14 situation; and

15 (iii) effectively respond to, and recover from, a disaster or an
16 emergency situation;

1 (b) to provide for effective disaster and emergency management for
2 the Nation.

Guiding principles

3 (2) In exercising its powers or carrying out its functions under this
4 Act, the Agency and all its organs shall be guided by the following principles,
5 amongst others:

6 (a) disaster management should be planned across the following four
7 phases:

8 (i) the taking of preventative measures to reduce the likelihood of a
9 disaster or an emergency situation occurring or, if it occurs, to reduce its impact
10 and severity on the population;

11 (ii) the taking of preparatory measures to ensure that, if a disaster or an
12 emergency situation occurs, communities, resources and services are able to
13 cope with its effects;

14 (iii) the taking of appropriate measures to respond to a disaster or an
15 emergency situation, including action taken and measures planned in
16 anticipation of, during, and immediately thereafter to ensure that its effects are
17 minimized and that persons affected thereby are given immediate relief and
18 support;

19 (iv) the taking of appropriate measures to recover from a disaster or an
20 emergency situation, including action taken to support disaster-affected
21 communities in the reconstruction of infrastructure, the restoration of
22 emotional, social, economic and physical well being, and the restoration of the
23 environment.

Establishment
and membership
of the Governing
Council of the
Agency

24 3.-(1) There is hereby established for the management of the Agency a
25 governing council (in this Act referred to as "the Council").

26 (2) The Council shall consist of:

27 (a) the Vice-President who shall be the chairman;

28 (b) the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;

29 (c) one representative each of the following Federal Ministries who
30 shall not be below the rank of a Director, that is:

- 1 (i) Aviation;
2 (ii) Foreign Affairs;
3 (iii) Health;
4 (iv) Internal Affairs;
5 (v) Transport;
6 (vi) Water Resources;
7 (vii) Works and Housing;
8 (viii) Environment
9 (d) one representative each of:
10 (i) the armed forces;
11 (ii) the Nigerian Police Force;
12 (iii) the Office of the National Security Adviser;
13 (iv) Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps;
14 (v) the Nigerian Red Cross Society;
15 (vii) Homeland Security and Emergency Management
16 Practitioners Association;

- 17 (viii) Ethics and Corporate Compliance Institute of Nigeria;
18 (vii) such voluntary organisations as may be determined from time
19 to time; and

20 (e) the Director-General of the Agency.

21 (3) The members of the Council, other than ex-officio members,
22 shall be appointed by the President; and shall be persons of proven integrity
23 and ability.

24 (4) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this
25 Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and the
26 other matters contained therein.

27 4. Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Act, a member of Tenure of office
28 the Council, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office-

29 (a) for a term of four years in the first instance and may be re-
30 appointed for a further term of four years and no more; and

1 (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
2 appointment.

Cessation of membership

3 5.-(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of this Act a person
4 shall cease to hold office as a member of the Council if:

5 (a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payment or compounds with his
6 creditors;

7 (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or
8 fraud;

9 (c) he becomes of unsound mind, or incapable of carrying out his
10 duties;

11 (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties;

12 (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he
13 is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from practicing his
14 profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority made in
15 respect of that member; or

16 (f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.

17 (2) If a member of the Council ceases to hold office, for any reason
18 whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed,
19 another person representing the same interest as that member shall be
20 appointed to the Council for the unexpired term.

21 (3) A member of the Council may be removed by the President if he is
22 satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Agency or the interest of the public
23 that the member continues in office.

Allowances of members

24 6. There shall be paid to every member of the Council such allowance
25 and expenses as the Federal Government may, from time to time, direct.

26 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE AGENCY, ETC.

Functions of the Agency

27 7.-(1) The Agency shall, subject to other provisions of this Act, do all
28 that is necessary to achieve its objective as set out in section 2, and for this
29 purpose:

1 (a) shall specialise in issues concerning disasters and disaster
2 management;

3 (b) shall act as a repository of and conduit for, information
4 concerning disasters, impending disasters and disaster management;

5 (c) may act as an advisory and consultative body on issues
6 concerning disasters and disaster management to:

7 (i) The various organs of state and the National Assembly;

8 (ii) the private sector and non-governmental organisations;

9 (iii) communities and individuals; and

10 (iv) other governments and international organisations or
11 institutions;

12 (d) shall promote the recruitment, training and participation of
13 volunteers in disaster management;

14 (e) shall promote disaster management capacity building, training,
15 research and education throughout the Federation;

16 (f) shall promote research into all aspects of disaster management;

17 (g) formulate policy on all activities relating to disaster
18 management in Nigeria and co-ordinate the plans and programmes for
19 efficient and effective response to disasters at national level;

20 (h) collate data from relevant agencies so as to enhance
21 forecasting, planning and field operation of disaster management;

22 (i) co-ordinate and facilitate the provision of necessary resources
23 for search and rescue and other types of disaster curtailment activities in
24 response to distress call;

25 (j) co-ordinate the activities of all voluntary organisations engaged
26 in emergency relief operations in any part of the Federation;

27 (k) receive financial and technical aid from international
28 organisations and non-governmental agencies for the purpose of disaster
29 management in Nigeria;

30 (l) collect emergency relief supply from local and foreign sources

1 and from international and non-governmental agencies;

2 (m) distribute emergency relief materials to victims of natural or other
3 disasters and assist in the rehabilitation of the victims where necessary;

4 (n) liaise with State Emergency Management Committees
5 established under this Act to assess and monitor, where necessary, the
6 distribution of relief materials to disaster victims;

7 (o) process relief assistance to such countries as may be determined
8 from time to time;

9 (p) liaise with the United Nations Disaster Reduction Organisation or
10 such other international bodies for the reduction of natural and other disaster;

11 (q) prepare the annual budget for disaster management in Nigeria;

12 (r) provide necessary technical assistance to the State Governments
13 and the State Authorities for preparing their disaster management plans in
14 accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Agency;

15 (s) monitor the implementation of the National Plan and the plans
16 prepared by the Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Government;

17 (t) evaluate the preparedness at all governmental levels and amongst
18 other role players and stakeholders for the purpose of responding to any
19 threatening disaster situation or disaster and give directions, where necessary,
20 for enhancing such preparedness;

21 (u) plan and coordinate specialized training programme for disaster
22 management for different levels of officers, employees, voluntary rescue
23 workers, role players and stakeholders;

24 (v) may engage in any lawful activity, whether alone or together with
25 any other organisation, aimed at promoting the effective exercise of its powers
26 or the effective performance of its duties; and

27 (w) may exchange information relevant to disaster management with
28 other institutions performing functions similar to those of the Agency.

29 (2) For the purpose this section:

30 "Natural or other disasters" include any disaster arising from any crisis,

1 epidemic, drought, flood, earthquake, storm, train, roads, aircraft, oil
2 spillage, terrorist activity, enemy attack, or other accidents and mass
3 deportation or repatriation of Nigerians from any other country.

4 (3) National Plan:

5 (1) There shall be drawn up a plan for disaster management for the
6 whole of the country to be called the National Plan, which shall come into
7 effect only upon approval by the Council.

8 (2) The National Plan shall be prepared by the Agency having
9 regard to the National Policy, International Best Practice, and in
10 consultation with expert bodies or organisations in the field of emergency or
11 disaster management.

12 (3) The National Plan shall include:

13 (a) measures to be taken for the prevention of disasters, or the
14 mitigation of their effects;

15 (b) measures to be taken for the integration of mitigation measures
16 in the development plans;

17 (c) measures to be taken for preparedness and capacity building to
18 effectively respond to any threatening disaster situations or disaster;

19 (d) roles and responsibilities of different Ministries, Departments
20 and Agencies of the Federal Government in respect of measures specified in
21 clauses (a), (b) and (c).

22 (e) guidelines for the integration of the concept and principles of
23 disaster management, and particularly strategies on prevention and
24 mitigation, with national and state development plans, programmes and
25 initiatives.

26 (4) The National Plan shall be reviewed and updated annually.

27 (5) Appropriate provisions shall be made by the Federal
28 Government for financing the measures to be carried out under the National
29 Plan.

30 (6) Copies of the National Plan referred to in sub-sections (2) and

1 (4) shall be made available to the Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the
2 Government and such Ministries, Departments and Agencies shall draw up
3 their own plans in accordance with the National Plan.

4 (4) Plan to be available for inspection etc-

5 (1) The Agency shall ensure that a copy of the disaster management
6 plan is available for inspection, free of charge, by members of the public:

7 (a) at the Agency's head office; and

8 (b) on the Agency's website; and

9 (c) at other places where the Agency maintains an office or presence
10 and wherever the Agency considers appropriate.

11 (2) The Agency shall, on payment of the appropriate fee, give a person
12 a copy of the plan.

13 (3) In this section-appropriate fee means the fee, decided by the
14 Agency, that is no more than the reasonable cost of providing the copy.

15 (5) Guidelines for minimum standards of relief-

16 The Agency shall recommend guidelines for the minimum standards of relief
17 to be provided to persons affected by disaster, which shall include:

18 (i) the minimum requirements to be provided in the relief camps in
19 relation to shelter, food, drinking water, medical cover and sanitation;

20 (ii) the special provisions to be made for widows and orphans;

21 (iii) ex gratia assistance on account of loss of life and also assistance
22 on account of damage to houses and for restoration of means of livelihood;

23 (iv) such other relief as may be necessary.

24 (6) Disaster Management plans of Ministries, Departments and
25 Agencies of Government-

26 (1) Every Ministry, Department or Agency of the Government shall:

27 (a) prepare a disaster management plan specifying the following
28 particulars, namely:

29 (i) the measures to be taken by it for prevention and mitigation of
30 disasters in accordance with the National Plan;

1 (ii) the specifications regarding integration of mitigation measures
2 in its development plans in accordance with the guidelines issued by the
3 Agency;

4 (iii) its roles and responsibilities in relation to preparedness and
5 capacity-building to deal with any threatening disaster situation or disaster;

6 (iv) its roles and responsibilities in regard to promptly and
7 effectively responding to any threatening disaster situation or disaster
8 including post disaster recovery and rehabilitation;

9 (v) the present status of its preparedness to perform the roles and
10 responsibilities specified in sub-clauses (iii) and (iv);

11 (vi) the measures required to be taken in order to enable it to
12 perform its responsibilities specified in sub-clauses (iii) and (iv);

13 (vii) particulars of its disaster management strategies;

14 (b) review and update its plan annually;

15 (c) forward a copy of its plan or updated plan, as the case may be, to
16 the Agency not later than 1st of February of every year.

17 (2) Every Ministry, Department or Agency of Government shall:

18 (a) make, while preparing disaster management plan under clause
19 (a) of sub-section (1), provisions for financing the activities specified
20 therein;

21 (3) It shall be an offence, for a Ministry, Department or Agency of
22 the Federal Government to fail to submit, to the Agency, the plan
23 contemplated by this Act at the prescribed time;

24 (4) Any officer responsible for the offence above shall, upon
25 conviction, be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.

26 (7) Other Guidelines on Disaster Management Plans and Strategies
27 The Agency shall:

28 (a) develop guidelines for the preparation, and regular review and
29 updating, of disaster management plans and strategies by organs of state and
30 other institutional role-players and stakeholders involved in disaster:

1 management;

2 (b) support and assist in the preparation, and regular review and
3 updating, of these plans and strategies by organs of state and other institutional
4 role-players and stakeholders involved in disaster management;

5 (c) assist in aligning these plans and strategies;

6 (d) assist in co-ordinating the implementation of these plans and
7 strategies by the relevant authorities at the Federal and State levels and by other
8 role-players and stakeholders.

9 (8) Communication links with disaster management role-players and
10 stakeholders.

11 (1) The Agency shall:

12 (a) develop and maintain a directory of institutional role-players and
13 stakeholders that are or should be involved in disaster management in the
14 Federation showing:

15 (i) their names, telephone numbers and physical address

16 (ii) particulars of their involvement in disaster and emergency
17 management; and

18 (iii) the nature, capacity and location of emergency and relief services
19 under their control; and

20 (b) establish effective communication links with contact persons
21 identified by those role-players or stakeholder;

22 (2) The directory shall include particulars of (a) all National, Zonal,
23 State and Local Government based organs, authorities and functionaries
24 involved in disaster management;

25 (b) non-governmental and other organisations involved in disaster or
26 emergency management;

27 (c) Notable disaster or emergency management experts in the
28 Federation;

29 (d) private sector organisations with specialised equipment, skills or
30 knowledge relevant to disaster or emergency management;

1 (e) private sector voluntary agencies involved in disaster or
2 emergency management;

3 (f) professional associations or groups of practitioners relevant to
4 emergency management and

5 (g) foreign non-governmental organisations and international
6 organisations involved in disaster or emergency management in the
7 ECOWAS sub region and the Gulf of Guinea.

8 (3) The Agency shall establish communication links with foreign
9 disaster management agencies, including institutions performing functions
10 similar to those performed by the Agency, to exchange information and to
11 have access to international expertise in and assistance in respect of disaster
12 management.

13 (9) Disaster management information system:

14 (1) The Agency shall act as a repository of, and conduit for
15 Information concerning disasters and disaster management, and shall for
16 this purpose:

17 (a) collect information on all aspects of disasters and disaster
18 management;

19 (b) process and analyze such information;

20 (c) develop and maintain an electronic database of all relevant
21 information; and

22 (d) take steps to disseminate such information especially to
23 communities that are vulnerable to disasters.

24 (2) The electronic database developed by the Agency shall contain
25 extensive information concerning disasters that occur or may occur in the
26 Federation and or in the ECOWAS sub-region and the Gulf of Guinea and
27 disaster management issues, including information on:

28 (a) phenomena, occurrences, activities and circumstances that
29 cause or aggravate disasters;

30 (b) risk factors underlying disasters and ways and means to reduce

- 1 such risks;
- 2 (c) recurring occurrences that result in loss, but which are not
3 classified as disasters within the contemplation of this Act;
- 4 (d) prevention and mitigation;
- 5 (e) early warning systems;
- 6 (f) areas and communities that are particularly vulnerable to disasters;
- 7 (g) indigenous knowledge relating to disaster management;
- 8 (h) directory of role-players and stakeholders and the names and
9 particulars of their respective contact persons;
- 10 (i) emergency response resources and capacity within the Federation
11 (including those held or owned by operators in the private sector,
12 nongovernmental organisations and voluntary societies) indicating the
13 location and size of, and other relevant information relating to:
- 14 (i) hospitals, clinics and other health institutions;
- 15 (iii) emergency medical services;
- 16 (iv) school, church and public buildings and other facilities that could
17 be used as emergency shelters or hospitals in the event of a disaster;
- 18 (v) fire-fighting services; and
- 19 (vi) airports, airstrips, harbours, seaports and railway stations;
- 20 (3) The Agency shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the database
21 is electronically accessible to any person free of charge.
- 22 (4) Nothing in this Act shall preclude the Agency from establishing
23 security safeguards to protect the database from abuse;
- 24 (10) Gathering of information:
- 25 (1) The Agency may, in writing, request any Ministry, Department or
26 Agency of Government in Nigeria whether of a state of the Federation or any
27 other person in possession of information reasonably required by the Agency
28 for the purpose of this Act, to provide such information to the Agency within a
29 reasonable period of time.
- 30 (2) it shall be an offence punishable upon conviction by imprisonment

1 of up to 2 years for any person to whom a request for information has been
2 addressed, to fail to furnish such information to the Agency.

3 (11) Guidance on prevention and mitigation of disasters:

4 (1) The Agency shall, to the extent that it has the capacity, give
5 guidance to organs of state, the private sector, non-governmental
6 organisations, communities and individuals to assess and prevent or reduce
7 the risk of disasters, including:

8 (a) ways and means of:

9 (i) determining levels of risk;

10 (ii) assessing the vulnerability of communities and households to
11 disasters that may occur;

12 (iii) increasing the capacity of communities and households to
13 minimise the risk and impact of disasters that may occur; and

14 (iv) monitoring the likelihood of, and the state of alertness to,
15 disasters that may occur;

16 (b) the development and implementation of appropriate prevention
17 and mitigation methodologies;

18 (c) the integration of prevention and mitigation methodologies
19 with development plans, programmes and initiatives; and

20 (d) the management of high-risk developments.

21 (2) The Agency shall promote formal and informal initiatives that
22 encourage risk-avoidance behaviour by organs of state, the private sector,
23 non-governmental organisations, communities and individuals.

24 8. The Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, have
25 power to:

Powers of the
Council

26 (a) manage and superintend the affairs of the Agency;

27 (b) Determine and make a declaration as to the existence of a state
28 of disaster in the Federation or in any part thereof;

29 (c) make, alter and revoke rules and regulations for carrying on the
30 functions of the Agency;

1 (c) fix the terms and conditions of service, including remuneration of
2 the employees of the Agency after consultation with the Federal Civil Service
3 Commission;

4 (d) Approve the National Plan and amendments or revisions thereto;

5 (e) approve plans prepared by the Ministries, Departments or
6 Agencies of the Federal Government in accordance with the National Plan; and

7 (f) do such other things which in the opinion of Council are necessary
8 to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Agency.

9 PART III - DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Classification
and recording
of disasters

10 9.-(1) When a disastrous event occurs or threatens to occur, the
11 Council shall, for the purpose of the proper application of this Act, determine
12 whether the event should be regarded as a disaster within the contemplation of
13 this Act and if so the Agency shall immediately:

14 (a) assess the magnitude and severity or potential magnitude and
15 severity of the disaster;

16 (b) classify the disaster as a local or national disaster in accordance
17 with the provisions of this Act;

18 (c) record the prescribed particulars concerning the disaster in the
19 prescribed register.

20 (2) When assessing the magnitude and severity or potential
21 magnitude and severity of a disaster, the Agency:

22 (a) shall consider every information and recommendations
23 concerning the disaster received from its officers, a State Emergency
24 Management Committee, Non-governmental organisations, international
25 relief agencies, professional or practitioners group or associations and private
26 citizens;

27 (b) may enlist the assistance of an independent assessor to evaluate
28 the disaster on site.

29 (3) The Agency may reclassify a disaster if the magnitude and
30 severity or potential magnitude and severity of the disaster is greater or lesser

1 than the initial assessment suggested;

2 (4) for the purposes of this section:

3 (a) A disaster is a local disaster if:

4 (i) it affects a single or several communities within a Local
5 Government Area or State only; and

6 (ii) the State concerned, either alone or with the assistance of the
7 Agency and or other role players or stakeholders is able to deal with it
8 effectively.

9 (b) A disaster is a national disaster if it affects:

10 (i) Several communities or Local Government Areas in one or
11 more States;

12 (ii) the States concerned will be unable to deal with it effectively
13 and in good time; or

14 (iii) a local community within a State, but the state concerned is
15 unable to deal with it effectively.

16 (5) it shall be the responsibility of the Agency and all role players
17 and stakeholders including State Emergency Management Agencies to take
18 steps to effectively deal with every disaster situation no matter how
19 classified and irrespective of the community or locality where the said
20 disaster occurs.

21 10.-(1) in the event of a National disaster, the Council may
22 recommend to the President to declare a state of National Disaster if:

Declaration of
state of disaster

23 (a) existing arrangements do not adequately provide for the
24 effective dealing or containment of the disaster; or

25 (b) other special circumstances warrant the declaration of a
26 national state of disaster.

27 (2) Where a national state of disaster has been declared pursuant to
28 the provisions of this Act the President may authorize the Agency to make
29 regulations or issue directions or cause directions to be issued concerning:

30 (a) the release of any available resources of the Federal

- 1 Government including stores, equipment, vehicles and facilities;
- 2 (b) the release of personnel of any relevant agency of government for
3 the rendering of emergency services;
- 4 (c) the implementation of all or any of the provisions of a National
5 disaster management plan that are applicable in the circumstances;
- 6 (d) the evacuation to temporary shelters of all or part of the population
7 from the disaster, stricken or threatened area if such action is necessary for the
8 preservation of life;
- 9 (e) the regulation of traffic to, from or within the disaster-stricken or
10 threatened area;
- 11 (f) the regulation of the movement of persons and goods to, from or
12 within the disaster-stricken or threatened area;
- 13 (g) the control and occupancy of premises in the disaster-stricken or
14 threatened area;
- 15 (h) the provision, control or use of temporary emergency
16 accommodation within the disaster stricken or threatened area;
- 17 (i) the maintenance or installation of temporary lines of
18 communication to, from or within the disaster stricken or threatened area;
- 19 (j) the dissemination of information required for dealing with the
20 disaster;
- 21 (k) emergency procurement procedures;
- 22 (l) the facilitation of response and post-disaster recovery and
23 rehabilitation;
- 24 (m) other steps that may be necessary to prevent an escalation of the
25 disaster, or to alleviate, contain and minimize the effects of the disaster; or
- 26 (n) steps to facilitate international assistance.
- 27 (3) The Presidential authority above is exercisable only for the under-
28 listed purposes:
- 29 (a) assisting and protecting the public;
- 30 (b) providing relief to the public;

- 1 (c) protecting property;
- 2 (d) preventing or combating disruption; or
- 3 (e) dealing with the destructive and other effects of the disaster.

4 (4) Regulations made pursuant to the provisions of the presidential
5 authority contemplated in subsection 2 above may include regulations
6 prescribing penalties for any contravention of the regulations.

7 (5) A national state of disaster declared pursuant to subsection 1
8 above:

9 (a) shall lapse and be extinguished three months after it has been
10 declared;

11 (b) may be terminated by the Council before it lapses; and

12 (c) may be extended by the President for one month at a time upon
13 the application of the Council in that behalf.

14 **11.-(1)** Notwithstanding anything contained in any other
15 enactment for the time being in force, it shall be lawful for the President to
16 issue direction in writing through the Agency, for any Ministry, Department
17 or Agency of the Government of the Federation or any of its officers or
18 employees, as the case may be, to assist or facilitate the assistant of the
19 Agency in disaster or Emergency management and such, officer or
20 employee shall be bound to comply with such direction.

Power to issue
direction

21 (2) Any officer or authority of any Ministry, Department or Agency
22 of the Government of the Federation, shall, when requested by the Agency,
23 make available to the Agency, such officers and employees as requested for,
24 to perform any of the functions in connection with the prevention of disaster
25 or mitigation or rescue or relief work.

26 **12.** During the subsistent of a declaration of a disaster under this
27 Act, the Agency may give direction any authority or person in control of any
28 audio or audio-visual media or such other means of communication as may
29 be available to carry any warning or advisories regarding any threatening
30 disaster situation or disaster, and the said means of communication and

Direction to
media for
communication
of warnings, etc.

1 media as designated shall comply with such direction.

2 PART IV - ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

3 COMMITTEES, ETC

Establishment
of State
Committees

4 13.-(1) There is hereby established for each State of the Federation, a
5 State Emergency Management Committee (in this Act referred to as "the State
6 Committee").

7 (2) The State Committee shall consist of:

8 (a) the Deputy Governor of the state who shall be the chairman;

9 (b) the Secretary to the State Government;

10 (c) one representative each from:

11 (i) The 3 senatorial districts in a state on a rotational basis amongst the
12 local governments;

13 (ii) the State Ministry of Women and Social Welfare;

14 (iii) the State Ministry of Health;

15 (iv) the State Ministry of Works;

16 (v) the State Fire Service;

17 (vi) the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria;

18 (vii) the State Environmental Protection Agency;

19 (viii) the Agency;

20 (ix) the Commander of the Disaster Reaction Units;

21 (x) the Nigerian Police Force;

22 (xi) the Federal Road Safety Commission;

23 (xii) the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps;

24 (xiii) Homeland Security and Emergency Management Practitioners
25 Association;

26 (xiv) the Nigerian Red Cross Society;

27 (xv) the National Maritime Authority in coastal States.

28 (3) The members of the State Committee shall:

29 (a) be persons of proven integrity;

30 (b) other than ex-officio members, hold office on such term as may be

1 specified by the Governor of the State;

2 (c) be appointed by the Governor of the State; and

3 (d) be paid such allowances as the Governor of the State may, from
4 time to time, determine.

5 (4) The State Committee may make rules regulating its own
6 proceedings.

7 (5) The provisions of section 5 of this Act shall apply mutatis
8 mutandis to the State Committee.

9 14. The State Committee shall:

Functions of
State Committee

10 (a) notify the Agency of any natural or other disasters occurring in
11 the State;

12 (b) respond to any disaster within the State and may seek assistance
13 from the Agency if it deems fit in each circumstance;

14 (c) carry out disaster management activities in the State as may,
15 from time to time, be recommended by the Agency; and

16 (d) be accountable to the Agency for all funds accruing to it for
17 purposes of discharging its functions under this Act.

18 PART V - STAFF

19 15.-(1) There shall be for the Agency a Director-General, who shall
20 be appointed by the President.

Appointment of
Director-General
of the Agency

21 (2) The Director-General shall be:

22 (a) the chief executive and accounting officer of the Agency;

23 (b) responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Agency.

24 (3) The Director-General shall hold office on such terms and
25 conditions as are specified in his letter of appointment.

26 16.-(1) The Council shall appoint for the Agency such number of
27 employees as may in the opinion of the Council be expedient and necessary
28 for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Agency.

Appointment of
other staff of the
Agency

29 (2) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration,
30 allowances, benefits and pensions) of the employees of the Agency shall be

1 as determined by the Council after consultation with the Federal Civil Service
2 Commission.

Service in the
Agency to be
pensionable

3 17.-(1) Service in the Agency shall be approved service for the
4 purposes of the Pensions Act.

5 (2) The officers and other persons employed in the Agency shall been
6 titled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by
7 persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.

8 (3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the
9 appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of
10 pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

11 (4) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the
12 Pensions Act, any power exercisable thereunder by the Minister or other
13 authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make
14 regulations under section 23 thereof, is hereby vested in and shall be
15 exercisable by the Board, and not by any other person or authority.

16 PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Fund of the
Agency

17 18.-(1) The Agency shall establish and maintain a fund from which
18 shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Agency.

19 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to
20 subsection (1) of this section:

21 (a) any allocation to the Agency from the Federation Account;

22 (b) 20% of the Ecological Fund for the management of ecologically
23 related disasters;

24 (c) such monies as may, from time to time, be granted or lent to the
25 Agency by the Federal Government or a State Government or a local
26 government council;

27 (d) such money as may, from time to time, be granted or received
28 from:

29 (i) the organised private sector;

30 (ii) international or donor organisations and non-Governmental

1 organisations;

2 (e) all monies raised for the purposes of the Agency by way of gifts,
3 loan, grants-in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

4 (f) such money as may be received from the National Emergency
5 Trust Fund; and

6 (g) all other assets that may, from time to time, accrue to the
7 Agency.

8 (3) The fund shall be managed in accordance with the rules made
9 by the President and without prejudice to the generality of the power to make
10 rules under this subsection, the rules shall in particular contain provisions:

11 (a) specifying the manner in which the assets or the fund of the
12 Agency are to be held, and regulating the making of payments into and out of
13 the fund; and

14 (b) requiring the keeping of proper accounts and records for the
15 purpose of the fund in such form as may be specified in the rules.

16 19. The Agency shall apply the proceeds of the fund established
17 pursuant to section 17 of this Act to:

Expenditure of
the Agency

18 (a) the cost of administration of the Agency;

19 (a) the payment of salaries, fees, remuneration, allowances,
20 pensions and gratuities payable to the Council members and the employees
21 of the Agency;

22 (c) the payment for all contracts, including mobilization,
23 fluctuations, variations, legal fees and cost on contract administration;

24 (d) the payment for all purchases; and

25 (e) undertaking such other activities as are connected with all or
26 any of the functions of the Agency under this Act.

27 20.-(1) The Agency may accept gifts of land, money or other
28 property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the
29 person or organisation making the gift.

Gifts to the
Agency

30 (2) The Agency shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached

1 by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the
2 functions of the Agency under this Act.

Award of contracts

3 **21.-(1)** The Agency shall have power to award contracts not
4 exceeding the sum of N30 million for the performance of any of its functions
5 under this Act.

6 (2) The Agency shall not award a contract exceeding the said sum of
7 N30million without the prior approval of the President.

Emergency
procurement
and accounting

8 **22.-(1)** Notwithstanding anything contained in this or any other
9 enactment, Where by reason of any threatening disaster situation or disaster,
10 the Agency is satisfied that immediate procurement of provisions or materials
11 or the immediate application of resources are necessary for rescue or relief:

12 (a) it may authorise the emergency procurement, whether or not it
13 exceeds the sum of N30 Million and in such case, the requirement for the prior
14 approval of the President and the standard procedure requiring inviting of
15 tenders shall be deemed to be waived.

16 (2) a certificate about utilisation of provisions or materials by the
17 Director General of the Agency or other persons authorized in that behalf, as
18 the case may be, shall be deemed to be a valid document or voucher for the
19 purpose of accounting of emergency, procurement of such provisions or
20 materials.

Power to borrow

21 **23.-(1)** The Agency may, with the consent of the President, borrow on
22 such terms and conditions as the Agency may determine, such sums of money
23 as the Agency may require in the exercise of its functions under this Act.

24 (2) The Agency shall not, without the approval of the President,
25 borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the President.

26 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, where the sum to
27 be borrowed is in foreign currency, whether or not it exceeds the limit set by the
28 President, the Council shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of
29 the President.

1 24.-(1) The Council shall, not later than 30 September in each year,
2 submit to the President an estimate of the expenditure and income of the
3 Agency during the next succeeding year.

4 (2) The Council shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the
5 Agency in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and
6 shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end
7 of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the
8 guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

9 (7) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the National Institute of
10 Disaster Management shall function within the broad policies and
11 guidelines laid down by the Council and be responsible for planning and
12 promoting training and research in the area of disaster management,
13 documentation and development of national level information base relating
14 to disaster management policies, prevention mechanisms and mitigation
15 measures.

16 (8) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained
17 in sub-section (7), the National Institute, for the discharge of its functions,
18 may:

19 (a) develop training modules, undertake research and
20 documentation in disaster management and organise training programmes;

21 (b) formulate and implement a comprehensive human resource
22 development plan covering all aspects of disaster management;

23 (c) provide assistance in national level policy formulation;

24 (d) provide required assistance to the training and research
25 institutes for development of training and research programmes for
26 stakeholders including Government functionaries and undertake training of
27 all stake holders, including state and local government stakeholders as well
28 as non-state actors;

29 (e) provide assistance to the State Governments and State training
30 institutes in the formulation of State level policies, strategies, disaster

1 management framework and any other assistance as may be required for
2 capacity-building of stakeholders, Government including its functionaries,
3 civil society members, corporate sector and people's elected representatives;

4 (f) develop educational materials for disaster management including
5 academic and professional courses;

6 (g) promote awareness among stakeholders including college or
7 school teachers and students, technical personnel and others associated with
8 multi-hazard mitigation, preparedness and response measures;

9 (h) undertake, Organise and facilitate study courses, conferences,
10 lectures, seminars within and outside the country to promote the aforesaid
11 objects;

12 (i) undertake and provide for publication of journals, research papers
13 and books and establish and maintain libraries in furtherance of the aforesaid
14 objects;

15 (j) do all such other lawful things as are conducive or incidental to the
16 attainment of the above objects; and

17 (k) undertake any other function as may be assigned to it by the
18 Council.

Service in the
Institute to be
pensionable

19 27.-(1) Service in the Institute shall be approved service for the
20 purposes of the Pensions Act.

21 (2) The officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall be
22 entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by
23 persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.

24 (3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the
25 appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of
26 pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

27 (4) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the
28 Pensions Act, any power exercisable thereunder by the Minister or other
29 authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make
30 regulations under section 23 thereof, is hereby vested in and shall be

1 exercisable by the Governing Board, and not by any other person or
2 authority.

3 25.-(1) The Council shall prepare once every year, an annual report Annual reports
4 giving a true and full account of its activities during the previous year and
5 copies thereof shall be submitted to the President, not later than the 30th of
6 June each year, who shall cause the same to be laid before both Houses of the
7 National Assembly within one month of its receipt.

8 (2) The State Emergency Management Authority shall prepare
9 once in every year, in such form and at such time as may be prescribed by the
10 Governor of the State, an annual report giving a true and full account of its
11 activities during the previous year and copies thereof shall be submitted to
12 the Governor of the State who shall cause the same to be laid before State
13 House of Assembly.

14 (3) The annual report referred to above shall at a minimum contain
15 the following information:

16 (a) its activities during the year;

17 (b) disasters that occurred during the year in each State of the
18 Federation;

19 (c) the classification, magnitude and severity of these disasters;

20 (d) the effects they had;

21 (e) particular problems that were experienced:

22 (i) in dealing with these disasters: and

23 (ii) generally in implementing this Act and the National Plan;

24 (f) the way in which these problems were addressed and any
25 recommendations the Council may wish to make in respect thereof;

26 (g) progress made with the preparation and regular updating of the
27 National Plan if applicable;

28 (h) an evaluation of the implementation of the National Plan;

29 (i) A copy of the Agency's audited account and auditors report for
30 the year.

1 PART VII - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT
2 ESTABLISHMENT ETC,

National Institute
of Disaster
Management

3 26.-(1) The Council shall not later than 36 months after the coming
4 into effect of this section, establish or cause to be established an institute to be
5 known as the National Institute of Disaster Management.

6 (2) The National Institute of Disaster Management shall consist of
7 such number of members as may be prescribed by the Council.

8 (3) The term of office of, and vacancies among, members of the
9 National Institute of Disaster Management and manner of filling such
10 vacancies shall be such as may be prescribed by the Council.

11 (4) There shall be a governing body of the National Institute of
12 Disaster Management which shall be constituted by the Council in such
13 manner as it may deem fit.

14 (5) The governing body of the National Institute of Disaster
15 Management shall exercise such powers and discharge such functions as may
16 be prescribed by regulations.

17 (6) The procedure to be followed in exercise of its powers and
18 discharge of its functions by the governing body, and the term of office of, and
19 the manner of filling vacancies among the members of the governing body,
20 shall be such as may be prescribed by regulations.

21 PART VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Community
Emergency
Management
Coordinators

22 28.-(1) The Agency shall designate 2 existing staff in each local
23 government area as community emergency management coordinators
24 (CEMC).

25 (2) The Community Emergency management coordinators shall be
26 trained by the Agency and deployed to serve the local communities within each
27 local government area.

28 (3) The Community Emergency management coordinators shall be
29 entitled to such allowances as the Agency may from time to time determine.

1 29.-(1) The Agency shall with the approval of the Council establish
2 a corps of volunteers to be known as Disaster Management Volunteers to
3 participate in disaster management in relevant areas of the Country.

4 (2) The Disaster management Volunteers may be established
5 jointly with State Emergency Management Committee and may be based in
6 local government areas or zonal offices as circumstances may permit.

7 (3) Any person that meets the prescribed minimum requirements
8 may apply to enroll as a volunteer in the unit of volunteers in a particular
9 location.

10 (4) The Agency shall maintain a register of all volunteers enrolled
11 in various units of volunteers nationwide. A State or Local Government that
12 has established a unit of volunteers shall submit the prescribed particulars of
13 any person that has enrolled to the Agency within 21 days of such a person's
14 enrolment.

15 (5) A unit of volunteers may participate in exercises related to
16 disaster management whether organised by one or more States, Local
17 Governments or Non State organisations or the Agency.

18 (6) The Agency shall prescribe the following:

- 19 (a) The command structure of a unit of volunteers;
20 (b) components within a unit of volunteers;
21 (c) the requirements for, and recruitment of, a volunteer;
22 (d) the manner in which any member of a unit of volunteers is to be
23 activated and deployed;
24 (e) the training of volunteers;
25 (f) The use of equipment by volunteers;
26 (g) the defraying of expenses incurred by volunteers;
27 (h) uniforms of volunteers;
28 (i) the transfer of a volunteer from one unit of volunteers to another
29 unit of volunteers; and
30 (j) insignia to be worn by:

- 1 (i) different units of volunteers;
- 2 (ii) different components within a unit of volunteers; and
- 3 (iii) different positions of command within a unit of volunteers.

4 (7) Nothing in this Act shall preclude:

5 (a) The Agency, a State Emergency Management Committee or other
6 stakeholders from calling on persons who are not members of a unit of
7 volunteers to assist in dealing with a disaster; or

8 (b) any number of persons from taking reasonable steps to deal with a
9 disaster in an appropriate manner until the Agency or other relevant authority
10 takes responsibility for that disaster, and, where appropriate, to continue
11 dealing with the disaster under the control of the Agency or such other relevant
12 authority.

Indemnity

13 30. A person, whether an employee of the Agency or other relevant
14 authority or not, exercising a power or performing a duty or function in terms of
15 this Act, shall not be liable for anything done in good faith in terms of, or in
16 furthering the objects of, this Act.

Action taken
in good faith

17 31. No suit or prosecution or other proceeding shall lie in any court
18 against the Council or the Agency or a State Emergency Management
19 Committee or any of their officer or employee or any person working for on
20 behalf of such authority in respect of any work done or purported to have been
21 done or intended to be done in good faith by such authority or such officer or
22 employee or such person under the provisions of this Act or the rules or
23 regulations made thereunder.

Immunity from
legal process

24 32. Officers and employees of the Agency or a State Emergency
25 Management Committee shall be immune from legal process in regard to any
26 warning in respect of any impending disaster communicated or disseminated
27 by them in their official capacity or any action taken or direction issued by them
28 in pursuance of such communication or dissemination.

Prohibition against
discrimination

29 33. While providing services and relief to the victims of disaster, there
30 shall be no discrimination on the ground of sex, ethnic origin, community,

1 descent, religion or for any reason whatsoever.

2 34. Subject to the provisions of this Act, if it appears to the
3 Council, State Emergency Management Committee or such other Authority
4 under this Act, as the case may be, that provisions of any rule, regulation,
5 notification, guideline, instruction, order, scheme or bye-laws, as the case
6 may be, are required to be made or amended for the purposes of prevention
7 of disasters or the mitigation thereof, it may require the amendment of such
8 rules, regulation, notification, guidelines, instruction, order, scheme or bye-
9 laws, as the case may be, for that purpose, and the appropriate department or
10 authority shall take necessary action to comply with the requirements.

Making or
amending rules,
etc., in certain
circumstances

11 35.-(1) If it appears to the Agency, State Emergency Management
12 Committee or such other Authority under this Act or any officer as may be
13 authorised by it in this behalf that:

Power of
requisition of
resources,
provisions,
vehicles, etc., for
rescue operations,
etc.

14 (a) any resources with any authority or person are needed for the
15 purpose of prompt response;

16 (b) any premises are needed or likely to be needed for the purpose
17 of rescue operations; or

18 (c) any vehicle is needed or is likely to be needed for the purposes
19 of transport of resources from disaster affected areas or transport of
20 resources to the affected area or transport in connection with rescue,
21 rehabilitation or reconstruction, such authority may, by order in writing,
22 requisition such resources or premises or such vehicle, as the case may be,
23 and may make such further orders as may appear to it to be necessary or
24 expedient in connection with the requisitioning.

25 (2) Whenever any resource, premises or vehicle is requisitioned
26 under sub-section (1), the period of such requisition shall not extend beyond
27 the period for which such resource, premises or vehicle is required for any of
28 the purposes mentioned in that sub-section.

29 (3) In this section:

30 (a) "resources" includes human and material resources;

1 (b) "services" includes facilities;

2 (c) "premises" means any land, building or part of a building and
3 includes a hut, shed or other structure or any part thereof;

4 (d) "vehicle" means any vehicle used or capable of being used for the
5 purpose of transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise.

Payment of
compensation

6 **36.-(1)** Whenever any premises is requisitioned pursuant to this Act,
7 there shall be paid to the persons interested compensation the amount of which
8 shall be determined by taking into consideration the following, namely:

9 (i) the rent payable in respect of the premises, or if no rent is so
10 payable, the rent payable for similar premises in the locality;

11 (ii) if as consequence of the requisition of the premises the person
12 interested is compelled to change his residence or place of business, the
13 reasonable expenses (if any) incidental to such change; Provided that where
14 any person interested being aggrieved by the amount of compensation so
15 determined makes an application within a reasonable time to the relevant
16 Authority for referring the matter to an arbitrator, the amount of compensation
17 to be paid shall be such as the arbitrator appointed in this behalf by the relevant
18 Attorney General of the Federation or Attorney General of the State, as the case
19 may be, may determine:

20 Provided further that where there is any dispute as to the title to
21 receive the compensation or as to the apportionment of the amount of
22 compensation, it shall be referred to an arbitrator appointed as herein before
23 stated, for determination, and shall be determined in accordance with the
24 decision of such arbitrator.

25 (2) In this sub-section, the expression "person interested" means the
26 person who was in actual possession of the premises requisitioned,
27 immediately before the requisition, or where no person was in such actual
28 possession, the owner of such premises.

29 (3) Whenever any vehicle is requisitioned pursuant to this Act, there
30 shall be paid to the owner thereof compensation the amount of which shall be

1 determined on the basis of the fares or rates prevailing in the locality for the
2 hire of such vehicle; Provided that where the owner of such vehicle being
3 aggrieved by the amount of compensation so determined makes an
4 application within a reasonable time to the relevant authority, for referring
5 the matter to an arbitrator, the amount of compensation to be paid shall be
6 such as the arbitrator appointed in this behalf by the relevant Attorney
7 General of the Federation or Attorney General of the State, as the case may
8 be, may determine:

9 Provided further that where immediately before the requisitioning
10 the vehicle or vessel was by virtue of a hire purchase agreement in the
11 possession of a person other than the owner, the amount determined under
12 this sub-section as the total compensation payable in respect of the
13 requisition shall be apportioned between that person and the owner in such
14 manner as they may agree upon, and in default of agreement, in such manner
15 as an arbitrator may decide.

16 (4) Where damage or loss is visited upon a requisitioned property,
17 item, vehicle or premises, the Agency shall make good the said damage or
18 loss such that the monetary value of the said damage or loss by payment of
19 such to the occupier or owner, as the case may be, of the said property, item,
20 vehicle or premises.

21 (5) Nothing in this section shall preclude the Agency from
22 replacing the damaged or lost property, item, vehicle or premises if such is in
23 the best interest of all the parties concerned.

24 37.-(1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises
25 necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act, the Agency
26 may, subject to the Land Use Act:

Offices and
premises of the
Agency

27 (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, or other property;

28 and

29 (b) construct offices and premises and equip and maintain same.

30 (2) The Agency may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease out

1 immediately after a disaster in order to bring relief to people and communities
2 affected by the disaster;
3 "Vice-President" means the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
4 "vulnerability" means the degree to which an individual, a household, a
5 community or an area may be adversely affected by a disaster.

Short title

6 **52.** This Bill may be cited as the National Emergency Management
7 Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019.

8 SCHEDULE

9 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

10 *[Section 3(4).]*

11 *Proceedings of the Council*

12 1.-(1) Subject to this Act and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the
13 Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of
14 its committees.[Cap. 123.]

15 (2) The quorum of the Council shall be the chairman or the person
16 presiding at the meeting and five other members of the Council, and the
17 quorum of any committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.

18 2.-(1) The Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the
19 chairman and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not
20 less than eight other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be
21 held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is given.

22 (2) At any meeting of the Council, the chairman shall preside but if he
23 is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number
24 to preside at the meeting.

25 (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a
26 particular matter, the Council may co-opt him to the Council for such period as
27 it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub-paragraph
28 shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count
29 towards a quorum.

Committees

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2 3.-(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry
3 out, on behalf of the Council, such functions as the Council may determine.

4 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of
5 such number of persons as may be determined by the Council and a person
6 shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his
7 appointment.

8 (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect
9 until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

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11 4.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Agency shall be authenticated by
12 the signatures of the chairman, the Director-General or any person generally
13 or specifically authorised by the Council to act for that purpose.

14 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a
15 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal,
16 may be made or executed on behalf of the Agency by the Director-General or
17 any person generally or specifically authorised by the Council to act for that
18 purpose.

19 (3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under
20 the seal of the Agency shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and
21 until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

22 5. The validity of any proceedings of the Council or of a committee
23 shall not be adversely affected by:

24 (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Council or committee;

25 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or
26 committee; or

27 (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
28 proceedings of the Council or committee.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to repeal the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment) Act (Cap 34, LFN 2004) and Enact the National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment) Act, 2019 to provide for the establishment of a National Emergency Management Agency and a State Emergency Management Committee for each State in the Federation.