

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ogun

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The National Tobacco Control Act, 2015, Official Gazette No. 70, Vol. 102 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out hereunder. Enactment

2 **2.** Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the figure "18" immediately before the word "months" and substituting it with the figure 116" as follows: Amendment of Section 22 by replacing "18" with "16"

3 "Except otherwise stated in this Act or any other law, a change in any regulation made under this Act relating to the standard packaging and labelling of tobacco or tobacco related products shall take effect after 6 months from the date of publication of the regulations in the official Gazette".

4 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the National Tobacco Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020. Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Tobacco Control Act, to reduce the duration required before a change(s) in the regulations made by the Minister pursuant to section 22 of the Act becomes effective.