

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION ACT
CAP. N11 LAWS OF FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, AND FOR RELATED
MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Uryime Idem

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The National Broadcasting Commission Act Cap. N11, LFN,
2 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Legislation") is hereby
3 amended in the manner spelt out hereunder;

Amendment of
National
Broadcasting
Commission Act
Cap. N11, LFN,
2004

4 2. Section 2 (1) of the Principal Legislation is hereby amended to
5 insert new Subsection (u) to read thus;

Amendment of
Section 2 (1)

6 (u) regulate and review through its broadcasting codes the tariff
7 being charged by the Digital Satellite Television Services and other
8 Broadcasting outfits in Nigeria and subscription policy for subscribers.

9 Subsection 2 (u) is now re-numbered as subsection (v) as follows:

10 (v) carrying out such other activities as are necessary or expedient
11 for the full discharge of all or any of the functions conferred on it under or
12 pursuant to this Act.

13 3. Section 2 of the Principal Legislation is hereby amended to
14 insert new subsection 2 (2) thus;

Amendment of
Section 2

15 2.-(2) The Commission shall further oversee the operations of the
16 operators in the industries in the following manners:

17 (a) guarantee openness and competition in the industry favorably
18 for the participation of all and sundry;

19 (b) promote efficiency and expand opportunities for participation

1 of local investors in the industry without downplaying the active foreign
2 investment;

3 (c) assist the local operators in the industry to attain and compete
4 favorably;

5 (d) set and review the broadcasting code and operational policy
6 inclusive of its pricing and charged tariff from time to time to allow for flexible
7 players in the industry;

8 (e) review the broadcasting rights of every Digital Satellite Broadcast
9 industry from time to time to create room for flexible practice in the industry;

10 (f) the commission shall have the reserved sole right to oversee the
11 implementation of this process without any interference.

Amendment of
Section 2 (2)

12 4. Section 2 (2) of the Principal Legislation is hereby amended and re-
13 numbered as subsection 2 (3) thus;

14 (3) No person shall operate or use any apparatus or premises for the
15 transmission of sound or vision by cable, television, radio, satellite or any other
16 medium of broadcast from anywhere in Nigeria except under and in
17 accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Citation

18 5. This Bill may be cited as the National Broadcasting Commission
19 Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, LFN, 2004 to encourage liberal, openness and favorable competition in the industry.