

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PREVENTION OF CRIME ACT CAP. P27 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 BY INCREASING THE PRESCRIBED PENALTIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Prevention of Crime Act Cap, P27 Laws of the Federation
2 of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as
3 set out below. Amendment of
Cap. P27 LFN,
2004
- 4 **2.** Section 3 (1) of the Principal Act is amended: Amendment of
Section 3(1)
 - 5 (a) In subsection (1) by substituting for the word "Five", the word
6 "Three" in line 5;
 - 7 (b) In subsection (2) by substituting for the words. "Who is at
8 large" the word. "officer" in line 1; and
 - 9 (c) in subsection (4), by substituting for the word. "Against" the
10 word. "Under" in line 2.
- 11 **3.** Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the Amendment of
Section 4
12 word, "President" appearing in line 1 and the marginal note the words,
13 "Commissioner of Police".
- 14 **4.** Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the Amendment of
Section 6
15 word "President", the words. "Inspector General of Police" in line 1.
- 16 **5.** This Bill may be cited as the Prevention of Crimes Citation
17 (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Prevention of Crimes Act Cap. P27, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by updating the Act and bringing it in line with the reality of time.