

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN HUNTERS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (NHG) PROVIDE COMMUNITY POLICING, MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR NIGERIANS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Senator Biodun Olunjimi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

PART I - ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL

1 **1.**-(1) There shall be established for the Federation a body to be
2 known as Nigerian Hunters Council of Nigeria.

Establishment
of the Nigeria
Hunters Council

3 (2) It shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a
4 common Seal, with power to hold and dispose of property (landed or
5 otherwise) and can sue and be sued in its corporate name.

6 (3) There is also established in each State and in each Local
7 Government of the Federation Nigerian Hunters Council.

8 **2.**-(1) There is hereby established a Board to be known as the
9 Nigerian Hunters Council Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board")
10 which shall be responsible or the administration of the Nigerian Hunters
11 Council Act.

Establishment
of Nigeria Hunters
Council Governing
Board

12 (2) Membership of the Board shall comprise of:

13 (a) the Minister in charge of Interior who shall be the Chairman;

14 (b) one other person not below the rank of an Assistant Director to
15 represent the Ministry in charge of Police Affairs;

16 (c) the Commandant General of the Nigerian Hunters Council of
17 Nigeria;

18 (d) the legal adviser to the Ministry charged with the responsibility

1 for matters relating to Police Affairs;

2 (e) two other persons to represent public interest who shall be full-
3 time members, to be appointed by the President;

4 (f) one other person to serve as the Secretary to the Board.

5 (3) A member of the Board other than an ex-officio member shall hold
6 office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for
7 another period of four years and no more.

8 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of the section, a
9 member of the Board other than an ex-officio member may:

10 (a) at any time resign his appointment by giving notice in writing of
11 his resignation addressed to the Minister;

12 (b) shall vacate his office if the Minister is satisfied that:

13 (i) the member has absented himself from two consecutive meetings
14 of the Board without permission of the chairman; or

15 (ii) the member by reason of mental or physical infirmity or any other
16 cause is incapable of discharging the duties of his office.

Schedule

17 (5) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill,
18 shall, in addition to the provisions contained in the Immigration and Prisons
19 Services Board Act have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board
20 under this Bill and the other matters contained therein.

Powers of Board

21 **3.-(1)** The Board shall be responsible for:

22 (a) providing the general policies and guidelines relating to major
23 expansion programmes of the Council;

24 (b) the overall management and general administration of the
25 Council;

26 (c) recruiting volunteers and regular members of the Council;

27 (d) organising basic development and refresher courses for members
28 of the Council; and

29 (e) fixing with the approval of the Minister, the terms and conditions

1 of service of members and employees of the Council, including their
2 remuneration.

3 (2) The Board shall have power to do such other things which in the
4 opinion of the Board are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the
5 functions of the Council.

6 PART II - FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL, ETC.

7 4. The functions of the Nigerian Hunters Council shall:

Functions

8 (a) assist the Nigeria Police and other security agencies in
9 prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of offenders, the
10 protection of lives and property and the preservation of law and order;

11 (b) protect and preserve public utilities;

12 (c) maintain law and order in all social gatherings;

13 (d) establish links with other Services in intelligence gathering and
14 dissemination;

15 (f) responding to distress alarms of residents of the community;

16 (g) carry out other lawful duties as may from time to time be
17 assigned to it by the Government.

18 5. The functions of the Nigerian Hunters Council in community
19 shall include mobilizing labour for and supervising community
20 development activities in:

Community
service

21 (a) clearing of drainages and sewages;

22 (b) putting in place measures to minimize or prevent flooding in
23 communities;

24 (c) putting in place measures to prevent erosion;

25 (d) putting in place measures to counter drought and
26 desertification;

27 (e) prevention of bush-burning, fire incidences and arson;

28 (f) putting in place measures to prevent drowning in rivers, wells
29 and beaches;

30 (g) assist in clearing and maintaining remote (feeder) roads linking

- 1 various communities and markets;
- 2 (h) clearing of oil spillage in oil producing communities;
- 3 (i) instilling and engendering security culture in various communities
4 like street gate within wards, voluntary patrol and protection of crops;
- 5 (j) provision of security on market days which includes surveillance,
6 protection of commodities and vehicles;
- 7 (k) securing places of worship within the communities;
- 8 (l) check-mating pick-pocket, swindlers, illicit drug dealers and
9 substandard and expired products;
- 10 (m) raising public awareness against abduction, kidnapping, cultism
11 and violence against women and children;
- 12 (n) advocating for and instilling national values and ethics of
13 discipline, integrity, dignity of labour, social justice, religious tolerances, self-
14 reliance and patriotism in the members of the communities;
- 15 (o) encouraging environmental sanitation and prevention of water
16 pollution.
- 17 **6.** The Nigerian Hunters Council shall be involved in preventing and
18 managing conflicts and disasters as follows:
- 19 (1) Preventing conflicts and disasters through:
- 20 (a) public enlightenment on the possible causes of conflicts,
21 especially on issues of witchcraft, ethnic crisis, land disputes, religious crisis,
22 ritual killings, cultism, farmer-herdsman crisis, religious extremism, youth
23 gangsterism, etc;
- 24 (b) putting in place a system to prevent rumor-mongering,
25 misinformation, misguidance or anything likely to ignite violence or conflict in
26 whatever form throughout Nigerian communities;
- 27 (c) in collaboration with relevant agencies, establish Early Warning
28 Signs and Vulnerability Indices for conflicts and disasters in all Nigerian
29 Communities and disseminating same to all stakeholders;
- 30 (d) designing and implementing robust societal reorientation and

Roles in conflicts
and disasters

1 attitudinal change programmes throughout the nation towards a culture of
2 preventing violent conflicts and disasters.

3 (2) During conflict times and in conflict areas, to assist the military
4 and other law enforcement agencies in the following ways:

5 (a) identifying culprits and locating their hideouts and also
6 identifying strategies used by perpetrators of the conflicts and the victims or
7 vulnerable people to the conflict for proper actions;

8 (b) assisting victims to escape through identified routes, providing
9 possible protection, first aid, psychological support and any available
10 material support. In so doing, the Nigerian Hunters Council shall
11 collaborate with relevant government agencies;

12 (c) providing support to the military and other paramilitary
13 agencies in identifying terrains, providing scouts from Nigerian Hunters
14 Council to accompany the military or paramilitary to the hideouts of the
15 perpetrators of conflicts;

16 (d) perform any task that is incidental or ancillary in aiding the
17 military and paramilitary as may be required by them on issues mentioned in
18 this subsection.

19 (3) The role of the Nigerian Hunters Council in post-conflict
20 management includes:

21 (a) making preliminary assessment of safety and security of
22 affected areas as prelude to any damage assessment or relocation of
23 displaced persons;

24 (b) preservation of properties and public utilities and guarding
25 same from further damage, destruction, theft or vandalism pending the
26 return of the members of the community to their homes;

27 (c) helping in clearing debris, rebuilding homes and public
28 utilities, reviving economic activities such as markets, shops and transport
29 systems;

30 (d) help in reintegrating returnees back to their normal lives,

1 providing psychosocial support to traumatized persons and providing
2 reassurance to the community on safety and security;

3 (e) assist government and other agencies in facilitating peace and
4 reconciliation in affected areas for lasting peaceful coexistence;

5 (f) mobilize youth and able-bodied members of post-conflict
6 communities towards rebuilding communities and creating jobs.

7 PART III - COMMAND STRUCTURE

Command
structure

8 7.-(1) The Service shall be under the command of the Commandant
9 General. While State and Local Government commands shall be under the
10 State and Local Government Commandant.

11 (2) Members of the Service shall bear such ranks as may be assigned
12 to them by the service in the following order:

13 (a) National Headquarter Command:

14 (i) Commandant General (National);

15 (ii) Deputy Commandant General (National);

16 (iii) Deputy Commandant General (Administration);

17 (iv) Deputy Commandant General (Finance);

18 (v) Deputy Commandant General (Operations);

19 (vi) Deputy Commandant General (Logistics);

20 (vii) Deputy Commandant General (Training);

21 (viii) Deputy Commandant General (Intelligence);

22 (ix) Deputy Commandant General (Provost);

23 (x) Assistant Commandant General (South-East);

24 (xi) Assistant Commandant General (South-South);

25 (xii) Assistant Commandant General (South-West);

26 (xiii) Assistant Commandant General (North-Central);

27 (xiv) Assistant Commandant General (North-East);

28 (xv) Assistant Commandant General (North-West);

29 (xvi) Assistant Commandant General (Planning, Research and
30 Statistics);

- 1 (xvii) Assistant Commandant General (Council Education);
- 2 (xviii) Assistant Commandant General (Legal Services);
- 3 (xix) Assistant Commandant General (Communications and ICT);
- 4 (xx) Assistant Commandant General (Special Task Force and Joint
- 5 Operation);
- 6 (xxi) Assistant Commandant General (Marine Safety);
- 7 (xxii) Council Commandant (Counter-Terrorism);
- 8 (xxiii) Council Commandant (Small arms and light weapons control);
- 9 (xxiv) Council Commandant (Inter-governmental affairs);
- 10 (xxv) Council Commandant (Disaster and Risk Management);
- 11 (xxvi) Council Commandant (Human Resources);
- 12 (xxvii) Deputy Council Commandant (Public Relations);
- 13 (xxviii) Deputy Council Commandant (Peace and Conflict
- 14 Management);
- 15 (xxix) Deputy Council Commandant (Border Security);
- 16 (xxx) Assistant Council Commandant (Marine Council);
- 17 (xxxii) Assistant Council Commandant (Bush and Forest
- 18 Surveillance);
- 19 (xxxii) Assistant Council Commandant (Medical Services).
- 20 (b) State Command:
- 21 (i) State Commandant;
- 22 (ii) Deputy State Commandant;
- 23 (iii) Assistant State Commandant (Administration);
- 24 (iv) Assistant State Commandant (Finance);
- 25 (v) Assistant State Commandant (Operations);
- 26 (vi) Chief Council Superintendent (Markets and Motor-Parks
- 27 Security);
- 28 (vii) Chief Council Superintendent (Places of Worship Security);
- 29 (viii) Chief Council Superintendent (Schools Security);
- 30 (ix) Chief Council Superintendent (Protection of Public Utilities);

- 1 (x) Council Superintendent (Drainages and Sewages);
2 (xi) Council Superintendent (Erosion Control);
3 (xii) Council Superintendent (Drought and Desertification Control);
4 (xiii) Council Superintendent (Bush-burning, Fire Incidences and
5 Arson);
6 (xiv) Council Superintendent (Oil Spillage);
7 (xv) Deputy Council Superintendent (Protocol);
8 (xvi) Deputy Council Superintendent (Anti-Robbery);
9 (xvii) Deputy Council Superintendent (Patrol and Guards);
10 (xviii) Deputy Council Superintendent (Public Relations);
11 (xix) Deputy Council Superintendent (Surveillance);
12 (xx) Deputy Council Superintendent (Provost);
13 (xxi) Deputy Council Superintendent (Gender);
14 (xxii) Assistant Council Superintendent (Finance);
15 (xxiii) Assistant Council Superintendent (Stores).
16 (c) Local Government Command:
17 (i) Local Government Commandant;
18 (ii) Deputy Local Government Commandant;
19 (iii) Assistant Council Superintendent (Administration);
20 (iv) Assistant Council Superintendent (Operations);
21 (v) Assistant Council Superintendent (Finance);
22 (vi) Chief Council Inspector (Surveillance);
23 (vii) Chief Council Inspector (Patrol and Guard);
24 (viii) Chief Council Inspector (Special Duties);
25 (ix) Senior Council Inspector (Pollution and Environmental
26 Sanitation);
27 (x) Senior Council Inspector (Narcotics Control);
28 (xi) Senior Council Inspector (Women);
29 (xii) Council Inspector (Road Traffic);
30 (xiii) Council Inspector (Crimes);

1 (xiv) Council Sergeant (Provost);

2 (xv) Council Sergeant (Exhibit).

3 **8.** The Council shall consist of such number of volunteers and
4 regular members as may, from time to time, be recruited by the Board to
5 meet the requirements of the Council.

Membership of
the Council

6 **9.**-(1) The service may consider and promote from time to time
7 officers and members who are qualified to be elevated to the next rank.

8 (2) The Council:

9 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a
10 common seal;

11 (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

12 (c) shall have its headquarters in the Federal Capital Territory,
13 Abuja.

14 PART IV - UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENTS AND RANKS

15 **10.**-(1) There shall be uniforms for the Nigerian Hunters Council,
16 which shall be subject to change, as follows:

Uniforms

17 (a) Dark-maroon jacket, shirt, trousers and skirts;

18 (b) Dark-red beret;

19 (c) Black belt for general duties;

20 (d) White belt for provost officers;

21 (e) Black boots;

22 (f) White lanyard for officers and dark-maroon lanyard for
23 members.

24 (2) Subject to subsection (1), the Commandant-General is hereby
25 empowered to make Regulations for uniforms and their use.

26 **11.**-(1) The Government shall provide for the Nigerian Hunters
27 Council equipment as are necessary for its administrative and operational
28 needs. Such equipment shall include the following:

Equipment

29 (a) operational and utility vehicles;

30 (b) communication gadgets including walkie-talkies, masts,

- 1 boosters, radio-messaging equipment, 'caller unit Council' (CUG);
- 2 (c) other operational and administrative equipment like rain coats,
- 3 rain boots, access control system equipment, torch-lights, reflective jackets,
- 4 blankets, whistles and other equipment deemed necessary;
- 5 (d) detective equipment like hand-held metal detectors, walk-through
- 6 detectors, baggage scanners, close circuit television (CCTV) cameras, bomb
- 7 detectors and vehicular bomb detectors and other Explosive Ordnance
- 8 Disposer (EOD);
- 9 (2) The Commandant-General shall make Regulations on the use of
- 10 equipment including safety measures in handling sensitive equipment.
- 11 **12.** -(1) The Commandant General - Coat of Arms, two Stars at the
- 12 Centre and Nigerian Hunters Council of Nigeria logo.
- 13 (2) Deputy Commandant General - Coat of Arms, a Star at the Centre
- 14 and Nigerian Hunters Council of Nigeria logo.
- 15 (3) Assistant Commandant General - Coat of Arms, one Bar at the
- 16 Centre and Nigerian Hunters Council of Nigeria logo.
- 17 (4) Council Commandant - Coat of Arms and Nigerian Hunters
- 18 Council of Nigeria logo.
- 19 (5) Deputy Council Commandant - a Star and Nigerian Hunters
- 20 Council of Nigeria logo.
- 21 (6) Assistant Council Commandant - Nigerian Hunters Council of
- 22 Nigeria logo.
- 23 (7) Chief Council Superintendent - Coat of Arms and one Star.
- 24 (8) Council Superintendent - Coat of Arms.
- 25 (9) Deputy Council Superintendent - three Stars.
- 26 (10) Assistant Council Superintendent I - two Stars.
- 27 (11) Assistant Council Superintendent II - one Star.
- 28 (12) Chief Inspector - four Bars.
- 29 (13) Senior Inspector - three Bars.
- 30 (14) Inspector - two Bars.

1 (15) Council Sergeant - three V.

2 (16) Corporal - two V.

3 (17) Lance Corporal - one V.

4 (18) Operative.

5 PART V - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

6 **13.**-(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund into which Funds of the
7 monies shall be paid and credited: Council

8 (a) take off grants, annual subventions and budgetary allocations
9 received from the Government of the Federation;

10 (b) such monies as may be appropriated to the Council from time to
11 time by the National Assembly;

12 (c) such monies as may from time to time, lent, deposited with or
13 granted to the Council by the Government of the Federation, States or local
14 government

15 (d) grants, gifts or donations from international organizations and
16 donor agencies;

17 (e) all other funds which may, from time to time, accrue to the
18 Council.

19 (2) The Council may receive donations from other organizations
20 after due consultation with the necessary agencies.

21 (3) The officers and members shall be paid full salaries on such
22 terms and conditions as may be prescribed as it is in the Federal Civil
23 Service Commission or any related agency.

24 (4) The Council shall be paid from security vote and overhead
25 costs, such allowances as are reasonably necessary for the upkeep of its
26 National Secretariat and for meeting of its incidental expenses like, but not
27 limited to the day to day running of the Council.

28 **14.**-(1) The service in the Council shall be approved service for the Pensions
29 purposes of the Pensions Act and, accordingly, regular members and
30 employees of the Council shall be entitled to pensions, gratuity and other

1 retirement benefits as are prescribed under the Pensions Act.

2 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section,
3 nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on
4 terms which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement
5 benefit in respect of that office.

6 (3) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the
7 Pensions Act, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the
8 Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under section
9 30 of the Act, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Council and not
10 by any other person or authority.

Expenditure of
the Council

11 **15.** The Commission may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of
12 the Fund established in section 13 of this Bill-

13 (a) to the cost of administration of the Council;

14 (b) to the payment of salaries, fees, or other remuneration or
15 allowances, gratuities payable to the officers and other employees of the
16 Council, so that no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as
17 may be expressly authorised) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of
18 emoluments from the Federal or State Government;

19 (c) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Council; and

20 (d) for and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Bill.

Annual estimates
and accounts

21 **16.**-(1) The Council shall, not later than 31st October in each year,
22 submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including
23 payments to the Council Fund) during the next succeeding year.

24 (2) The Council shall keep proper accounts in relation to those
25 accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the
26 end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the
27 guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Annual report

28 **17.** The Council shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive
29 Council through the Minister, not later than six months after the end of each
30 year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the Council

1 during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in such report a
2 copy of the audited accounts of the Council for that year and the auditor's
3 report on the accounts.

4 **18.**-(1) The Council may accept any gift of land, money or other
5 property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the
6 person or organisation making the gift.

Power accept
gift

7 (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached
8 by the person or organisation offering the gift are inconsistent with the
9 functions of the Council.

10 **19.**-(1) The Council may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or
11 otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions
12 under this Bill.

Power to borrow

13 (2) The Council shall not, without the approval of the Minister,
14 borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Minister.

15 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum
16 to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Council shall not borrow the sum
17 without the prior approval of the Minister.

18 **20.** The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the
19 conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of
20 its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act or in such
21 other securities as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister.

Investment Act
Cap. T22, LFN,
2004

22 **21.** -(1) The Council shall be exempted from the payment of any
23 income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Board for
24 the Council.

Exemptions from
tax

25 (2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of
26 companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Council or the Board.

27 PART VI - DISCIPLINE

28 **22.** A Council member who-

29 (a) performs his duties in contravention of the objects of the
30 Council;

Discipline of
Council members

1 (b) takes part in any subversive activity, including mutiny and
2 disturbance of public peace;

3 (c) abets, incites, conceals or condones the commission of any
4 offence;

5 (d) takes part in an illegal assembly of persons with intention to
6 breach public peace, destroy property or assault any person or Council of
7 persons;

8 (e) having knowledge that an offence or an illegal act is about to be
9 committed, fails to inform his superior officer;

10 (f) takes part in a strike; and

11 (g) offers violent assault on his superior officer;
12 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of
13 not less than one year.

14 PART VII - LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Limitation of
suits against
Council

15 **23.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the
16 Public officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted
17 against any officer or employee of the Council.

18 (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment, no
19 suit against any member of the Board or the Commandant-General or any other
20 officer or employee of the Council for any act done in pursuance or execution
21 of this Bill or any other enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority or in
22 respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or any
23 other enactment or law, duty or authority, shall lie or be instituted in any court
24 unless it is commenced:

25 (a) within three months after the act, neglect or default complained of;

26 (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six
27 months .after the ceasing thereof.

28 (3) No suit shall be commenced against a member or the Board or the
29 Commandant-General or any other officer or employee of the Council before
30 the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to

1 commence the suit shall have been served on the Council by the intending
2 plaintiff or his agent.

3 (4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) of this section shall
4 clearly and explicitly state:

5 (a) the cause of action;

6 (b) the particulars of claim;

7 (c) the name and place of abode of intending plaintiff; and

8 (d) the relief which the plaintiff claims.

9 **24.** A notice, summons or other document required or authorized
10 to be served on the Council under the provisions of this Bill or any other
11 enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the Commandant-
12 General or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the
13 Commandant-General at the principal office of the Council.

Service of
documents

14 **25.-(1)** In any action or suit against the Council, no execution or
15 attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the
16 Council unless a notice of not less than 3 months of the intention to execute
17 or attach has been given to the Council.

Restriction on
execution against
property of the
Council

18 (2) Any sum of money, which may, by the judgment of any Court,
19 be awarded against the Council shall, subject to any directions given by the
20 court where notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid
21 from the general reserve fund of the Council.

22 **26.** A member of the Board or the Commandant-General or any
23 officer or employee of the Council shall be indemnified out of the assets of
24 the Council against any liability incurred by him in defending any
25 proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against
26 him in his capacity as a member, Commandant-General, officer or other
27 employee of the Council.

Indemnity of
officers

28 **27.-(1)** A member of the Board or the Commandant-General or any
29 other officer or employee of the Council shall-

Secrecy

30 (a) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information which

1 has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in
2 the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board as the Commandant-
3 |General, officer of employee of the Council;

4 (b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his
5 knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the
6 performance of his duties under this Bill; or

7 (c) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this
8 subsection except when required to do so by any court or in such other
9 circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board, from time to time.

10 (2) Person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this
11 section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than
12 N50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

Power to obtain
information

13 **28.**-(1) For the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on the
14 Council under this Bill, the Commandant-General or any other officer or
15 employee of the Council authorised in that behalf-

16 (a) shall have a right of access to all the records of any person or
17 authority affected by this Bill for the specific purpose of discharging his duties
18 under this Bill; and

19 (b) may by notice in writing served on any person or premises, require
20 that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be
21 specified in notice.

22 (2) The person or authority served with the notice under subsection
23 (1) shall furnish information it's required under subsection (1) of this section
24 and comply with the notice a reasonable time.

Directives by
the Minister, etc.

25 **29.** -(1) The Minister may give to the Council or the Commandant-
26 General such directives:

27 (a) of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with
28 regard to the exercise of its functions; or

29 (b) with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and
30 order, as he may consider necessary, and the Council or the Commandant-

1 General shall comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.

2 (2) Subject to the provisions subsection (1) of this section, a
3 Governor of a State may give to a State Command, such directives with
4 respect to the maintenance and security of public safety and order in the
5 State as he may consider necessary and it shall be the duty of the State
6 Commandant shall comply with the directives or cause them to be complied
7 with.

8 **30.** The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such Regulations
9 regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effects
10 to the provisions of this Bill and for the due administration of its provisions.

11 **31.**-(1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Bill, on the Transitional
12 commencement of this Bill, the Inspector-General of Police shall subject to management
13 the approval of the Minister appoint a serving Police Officer not below the
14 rank of a:

15 (a) Commissioner of Police to serve as the Chief Executive Officer
16 and Accounting Officer of Nigerian Hunters Council in the Federation;

17 (b) Chief Superintendent of Police to serve as the Chief Executive
18 Officer of the Nigerian Hunters Council in every State of the Federation and
19 Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and

20 (c) Assistant Superintendent of Police as Chief Executive of the
21 Nigerian Hunters Council in every Local Government Area in the
22 Federation.

23 (2) All Officers appointed under this Section shall serve for 5 years
24 starting from the date specified as transition period, after which their tenure
25 shall expire or deemed to have expired.

26 (3) The transition period indicated in this Section shall apply
27 regardless of the actual date of appointment.

28 **32.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation
29 "Nigerian Hunters Council of Nigeria" means the Council established under
30 this Bill;

1 "Community Service" shall include those listed in section 5 of this Bill;
2 "Commandant General" means the Commandant of the Nigerian Hunters
3 Council in Nigeria;
4 "Deputy Commandant General" means the Deputy to the Commandant
5 General;
6 "Assistant Commandant General" means the Assistant to the Commandant
7 General;
8 "Zonal Commandant" is the officer responsible for any of the six geopolitical
9 zones of Nigeria;
10 "State Commandant" means the Commandant of the Nigerian Hunters Council
11 at the State level;
12 "Officer" means an officer from the ranks of the Commandant General to
13 Assistant Superintendent of the Nigerian Hunters Council;
14 "Minister" means Minister responsible for Interior;
15 "Member" means a non-commissioned member below the rank of Assistant
16 Superintendent of the Nigerian Hunters Council;
17 "Rank and File" has the same meaning as members;
18 "State" means any State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
19 "Zonal Office" means the Nigerian Hunters office in each of the geopolitical
20 zones of Nigeria.

Citation

21 **33.** This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Hunters Council
22 (Establishment) Bill, 2020.

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SCHEDULE

Section 2 (5)

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO

THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings

1.-(1) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Bill, meet not less than three times in each year.

(2) The board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by a notice given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is given.

(3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the board for such period as it thinks fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.

Committees

2.-(1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, its functions under this Bill as the Board may determine.

(2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board as may be determined by the Board) and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office in the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(3) A decision of a Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

3.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any other person authorised generally or

1 specifically to act for that purpose by the Board and the Commandant-General.

2 (2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person
3 not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be
4 made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Commandant-General or any
5 person generally or specially authorised to act for the purpose by the Board.

6 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of
7 the Board shall receive in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is
8 proved, be presumed to be so executed.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Hunters Council of Nigeria Charged with the Responsibilities among others; provide Community policing, Maintenance of Law and Order in Communities and Community Service for Nigerians.