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### **Bill for**

**An Act to Amend the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act to Designate Kidnapping, Hostage-Taking, and Related Offences as Acts of Terrorism, to Prescribe the Death Penalty for Such Offences Without Option of Fine or Alternative Sentence; and for Related Matters, 2025 (SB. 969).**

**Sponsor:** Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*).

#### **1. Amendment of the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act**

The Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Act.

#### **2. Insertion of New Section 47A**

The Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after Section 47 the following new section—

“47A. Kidnapping and Hostage-Taking as Acts of Terrorism

1. A person commits an act of terrorism if he or she—
  - (a) kidnaps, abducts, detains, or carries away another person by force, coercion, deception, or threat;
  - (b) holds or attempts to hold another person hostage for ransom, reward, political concession, financial gain, or any unlawful advantage; or
  - (c) conspires, aids, abets, finances, facilitates, procures, or participates in the planning or execution of any act described in paragraphs (a) or (b).
2. Kidnapping or hostage-taking under subsection (1) is hereby designated as an act of terrorism whether or not the act is connected to any terrorist group, ideology, or network.
3. The offence of kidnapping or hostage-taking shall be deemed a terrorist offence regardless of—
  - (a) the number of persons involved;
  - (b) whether physical harm was inflicted; or
  - (c) whether ransom was demanded or paid.
4. Any person who commits an offence under this section shall, upon conviction, be punished with death, and no option of fine or lesser sentence shall apply.
5. The penalty stipulated under subsection (4) shall also apply to—
  - (a) masterminds;
  - (b) financiers;
  - (c) informants;

- (d) collaborators;
  - (e) transporters;
  - (f) harbourers; and
  - (g) persons who knowingly provide logistical support or safe haven to kidnappers or hostage-takers.
6. Attempt, conspiracy, or incitement to commit any of the offences under this section shall carry the same penalty as the completed offence.”

### **3. Amendment of the First Schedule (List of Terrorist Acts)**

The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following new paragraphs—

“Kidnapping, hostage-taking, abduction, and all related acts aimed at obtaining ransom, reward, advantage, or compliance through coercion are hereby included as terrorist acts punishable under Section 47A.”

### **4. Consequential Amendments**

Any provision of the Principal Act inconsistent with the amendments introduced by this Act shall be construed with such modifications as are necessary to give full effect to this Amendment Act.

### **5. Citation**

This Bill may be cited as the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill 2025.