

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends the Telecommunications and Postal Offences Act Cap. T4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by reviewing the penalty provisions under the Act.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Amendment of Cap. T4 LFN, 2004.
2. Amendment of section 2.
3. Amendment of section 5.
4. Amendment of section 12 (1).
5. Amendment of section 13.
6. Amendment of section 24.
7. Amendment of section 30 (1).
8. Amendment of section 35.
9. Amendment of section 37.
10. Citation.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016

A Bill

For

An Act to amend the Telecommunications and Postal Offences Act Cap. T4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by reviewing the penalty provisions under the Act; and for related matters

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Commencement

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

- 1. The Telecommunications and Postal Offences Act Cap. T4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act. Amendment of Cap. T4 L.F.S. 2004

- 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended in- Amendment of section 2
 - (a) subsection (3) (a), by substituting for-
 - (i) the expression, "not less than N100,000" in line 1, the expression, "N500,000.00", and
 - (ii) the words, "not exceeding", in line 2, the word, "of"; and
 - (b) subsection (3) (b), by substituting for the expression, "not less than N500,000", the expression, "N5,000,000.00".

- 3. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended in- Amendment of section 5
 - (a) subsection (1), by inserting, after the word, "who", in line 1, the word, "knowingly"; and
 - (b) subsection (2), by inserting, after the word, "who", in line 1, the word, "knowingly".

- 4. Section 12 (1) of the Principal Act is amended in- Amendment of section 12 (1)
 - (a) paragraph (a), by deleting the words, "not less than", in line 1; and
 - (b) paragraph (b), by substituting for the expression, "N500,000", the expression, "N5,000,000.00".

5. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended in-

Amendment of section 13

(a) paragraph (a), by deleting the words, "not less than", in line 5; and

(b) paragraph (b) (ii), by deleting the words, "not less than", in line 6.

6. Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the expression, "not less than N100,000", in line 4, the expression, "N1,000,000.00".

Amendment of section 24

7. Section 30 (1) of the Principal Act is amended in-

Amendment of section 30 (1)

(a) paragraph (a), by deleting the words, "not less than", in line 1: and

(b) paragraph (b), by substituting for the expression, "N500,000", the expression, "N5,000,000.00".

8. Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word, "without", in lines 5 and 6, the words, "with a".

Amendment of section 35

9. Section 37 of the Principal Act is amended in-

Amendment of section 37

(a) paragraph (a), by-

(i) substituting for the expression, "not less than N100,000", in line 1, the expression, "N250,000.00", and

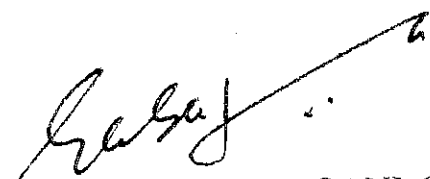
(ii) deleting the words, "not less than", in line 2, and

(b) paragraph (b), by substituting for the expression, "N500,000", the expression, "N2,000,000.00".

10. This Act may be cited as the Telecommunication and Postal Offences (Amendment) Act, 2016.

Citation

I, CERTIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 (1) OF THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT CAP. A2, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THIS BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.



MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI
CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016

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Schedule to the Telecommunications and Postal Offences (Amendment) Act, 2016

SHORT TITLE OF THE BILL	LONG TITLE OF THE BILL	SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BILL	DATE PASSED BY THE SENATE	DATE PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Telecommunications and Postal Offences (Amendment) Act, 2016.	An Act to amend the Telecommunications and Postal Offences Act Cap. T4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by reviewing the penalty provisions under the Act; and for related matters.	This Bill amends the Telecommunications and Postal Offences Act Cap. T4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by reviewing the penalty provisions under the Act.	29 th September, 2016	31 st May, 2016

I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

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MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI
 Clerk to the National Assembly
 20th Day of October, 2016

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MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR
 President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 18 Day of October, 2016
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I ASSENT