A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (RELEASE FROM CUSTODY) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ochigegor Idagbo

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

1. The Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, CAP C40 LFN (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

2. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by inserting after subsection (2) a new subsection (3) to read as follows:

(3) the Controller of Prisons shall in every year and according to prison records send list of persons detained in prison not being persons detained in execution of a sentence of a court or tribunal duly constituted by law to the Chief Judge of Nigeria, Chief Judges of states and Attorney-General of the Federation.

3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 2 and renumbering the existing section 2 as section 3;

2. The Attorney-General of the Federation shall compel the representation and appearance of such detained persons before a magistrate court within the district.

4. This Bill may be cited as the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act CAP C40 LFN to make provisions for the decongestion and reduction in the number of awaiting trial inmates in Nigerian prisons.