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(SB. 202)

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RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTERING, ENCOURAGING AND DEVELOPING SPORTS AND GAMES  
THROUGHOUT NIGERIA AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO, 2021

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Commencement.

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

1. 1. (1) There is established a body to be known as the National Sports Commission (in this Bill referred to as "the Commission").  
  
(2) The Commission-
  - (i) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession,
  - (ii) a common seal, and
  - (iii) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

Establishment of the National Sports Commission
  
2. (1) The Commission shall consist of the following members—
  - (i)The Chairman of the Commission;
  - (ii)The Director – General of the Commission;
  - (iii)The Head of Schools of Sports in the Federal Ministry of Education;
  - (iv)The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Sports or his Representative;
  - (v)Representative of NAPER-SD;
  - (vi)Chairman of State Directors of Sports Forum
  - (vii) Two Representatives from Organised Private Sector;
  - (viii)The Director/CEO of National Institute of Sports;
  - (ix)Representative of Military/ Para Military Agencies;
  - (x)Representative of Institutional Sports (NUGA, NIPOGA, NICEGA);
  - (xi) Association of Retired Sports men and women;
  - (xii) A Representative of Nigerian Medical Association who shall be a Sports Medicine Expert;
  - (xiii) A Representative of Persons living with disability in Sports;
  - (xiv) Nigeria Football Federation;
  - (xv)A Representative of Professional Footballers Association of Nigeria;
  - (xvi) Sports Writers Association of Nigeria; and
  - (xvii) Six chairmen of States Sports Councils representing the sports zones to serve on rotational basis of 2 years per State:
    - (i) zone 1 Ibadan;
    - (ii) zone 2 Benin;
    - (iii) zone 3 Enugu;
    - (iv) zone 4 Bauchi;
    - (v) zone 5 Jos; and
    - (vi) zone 6 Kaduna.

Membership of the Commission.
  
- (2) The Chairman and members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President.
  
- (3) A member of the Commission shall hold office for a period of four (4) years beginning with the date on which he was appointed and may be re-appointment for another period of four (4) years subject to satisfactory performance.
  
- (4) A member of the Commission other than the Chairman may by notice in writing addressed to the

President through the Chairman, resign his office and that member shall, on the day of the receipt of the notice by the President, cease to be a member.

(5) The Chairman may resign his membership by notice in writing addressed to the President and unless the President rejects the notice, the Chairman shall, on the day of the receipt of the notice by the President, cease to be a member.

(6) Members of the Commission except the chairman shall receive no remuneration but may be paid such travelling and other allowances as may" from time to time be approved by the President.

(7) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the constitution and procedure of the Commission and other matters mentioned therein.

3. (1) The functions of the Commission shall be—

Functions of the Commission

(a) to encourage the development and organisation of and participation in sports in Nigeria;

(b) to co-ordinate and integrate efforts to raise the standard of performance in sports throughout Nigeria;

(c) to maintain every stadium owned or controlled by the Federal Government and to direct all activities relative thereto but Concession shall be with the approval of the Ministry.

(2) The Commission shall, in all international relations affecting sports, have the sole right to make, on behalf of the States Sports Councils, any necessary arrangements for competitions, technical assistance, recruitment of coaches and for any such other matters as the Commission may think fit.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, it shall be the duty of the Commission—

(a) to promote, in co-operation with other sports bodies or sports groups, the physical fitness and general well-being of all persons in Nigeria;

(b) to organise, or assist financially or otherwise, the participation in sports at inter-State, national and international levels;

(c) to train Nigerians to become sportsmen and instructors in sports;

(d) to conduct and encourage research into all matters relating to sports;

(e) to provide and maintain sports centres and facilities for the training of Nigerians as instructors and organizer's of sports;

(f) to ensure the participation of all sportsmen where required in inter-State, national, or international competitions.

4. (1) The Commission may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill.

Powers of the Commission to enter into contracts, to hold property and to invest.

(2) Subject to the approval of the President, the Commission may acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill and may, for the same purpose, sell, lease, mortgage; or otherwise alienate or dispose of any property so acquired and held with the approval of the Ministry.

(3) The Commission may invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it thinks necessary or expedient.

5. Subject to the approval of the President, the Commission may, for the purpose of giving effect to this

Powers of the

Bill, borrow such sums of money as it may require in the exercise of its functions under this Bill with the approval of the Ministry.

Commission to Borrow.

6. (1) There shall be a Director-General who shall also be the Secretary to the Commission.

Office of the Director-General and Secretary to the Commission.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Director-General may designate any other member of the staff of the Commission to act as the secretary to the Commission either generally or in any special case.

(3) The Director or any person appointed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, to act as secretary shall not be entitled to vote on any question before the Commission unless he is so entitled as a member thereof.

7. (1) The Director-General who shall be the chief Administrative officer of the Commission, shall be appointed by the President, and shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Commission.

Appointment of Director and other staff.

(2) Subject to the approval of the President, the Commission may appoint such staff and agents as it may deem necessary for the efficient performance of the Commission's duties under this Bill.

(3) The Director – General shall be a person with minimum of First Degree with cognate experience in Sports.

8. (1) It hereby declared that the service in the Commission shall be Pensionable under the Pensions Act subject to the provisions of Pensions Reforms Act, and accordingly, employers of the Commission shall, in respect of their services in the Commission be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed there under.

Application of Pension Reform Act 2004

(2) Nothing in the foregoing provisions shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in that office.

9. (1) If it appears to the Commission that a member of the Commission should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Commission shall after consultation with the interests, if any, represented by that member make a recommendation to that effect to the President, and if the President approves the recommendation he may declare, in writing, the office of that member vacant.

Removal from office of Members of the Commission.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1) of this section—

(a) any member who is absent from two consecutive ordinary meetings of the Commission shall file his explanation in writing with the secretary for consideration by the Commission and if the explanation is not accepted by the Commission, the Commission shall recommend to the President that the member be removed from office and the President may declare, in writing, the office of that member vacant;

(b) where the Commission is satisfied that the continued presence on the Commission of any member is not in the interest of Nigeria or of sports or of the Commission, the Commission may recommend to the President that member be removed, and the President may declare, in writing; "the office of "that member vacant.

10. (1) The Commission shall on or before 1<sup>st</sup> October each year prepare and present to the President a

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report of its proceedings and operations during the period of twelve months ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December in that year, and the report shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the audited accounts of the Commission for that period. and estimates.

(2) A copy of every such report together with the audited accounts shall be laid before the National Council of Ministers as soon as may be after the presentation thereof to the President.

(3) The Commission shall not later than 1<sup>st</sup> August in each year or as soon thereafter as the President may in a proper case allow, submit to the President for approval its estimates of revenue and expenditure in respect of the year beginning with 1<sup>st</sup> January in the following year.

(4) There shall be a liaison office for the National Sports Commission at the National Stadium Lagos. The Lagos liaison office should be maintained for coordination of passage of Athletes and officials going outside or coming into the Country for the purpose of Sports.

11. The Commission shall keep proper accounts, in a form which conforms with accepted commercial standards, of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall submit the same from time to time but not less frequently than annually for auditing by auditors appointed from the list of auditors and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation. Accounts and audit.

12. (1) The funds and resources of the Commission shall consist of—  
(a) such funds as may from time to time be provided by the Federal Government;  
(b) such funds as may be collected or received by the Commission from other sources either in the execution of its functions or in respect of any property vested in the Commission; and  
(c) such interests as may accrue to the Commission from investments made by virtue of this Bill  
(2) Establishment of National Sports Development Fund and funding sources to include:  
(i) Levy at the rate of two (2) percent to be charged on assessable revenue of any Sports Lottery Company carrying on business in Nigeria;  
(ii) Investments and any other payments required by the Bill. Funds and resources of the commission

13. No member of the Commission shall be personally liable for any act or omission done or made in good faith while engaged on the business of the Commission. Non-liability of Members.

14. (1) The Commission may, within the scope of its authority under this Bill, make standing orders relating to any internal and domestic matters placed by this Bill under its control and particularly to the matters mentioned in paragraph 9 of the Schedule to this Bill. Powers to make standing orders.

(2) All such standing orders shall be in writing and shall come into force when sealed with the seal of the Commission, unless some other date for commencement be therein prescribed.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) of this section shall make it obligatory for the Commission to publish any or all of the said standing orders in the Federal Gazette.

15. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the President may give general or specific directives to the Commission and the Commission shall comply with and give effect to any such directives.  
(2) The Commission shall give to the President such information and returns relating to its activities actual or proposed as the President may from, time to time require. Powers of President to give directives etc.

16. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Commission may set up National Sports Federation for each kind of Sport and may appoint President and other members thereof; accordingly all matters relating to the constitution, affiliation, recognition, of international competitions and to officers of National Sports Federations shall be submitted for approval to the Commission.

Commission relationship with National Sport Association

(2) No Government financial assistance shall be given to National Sports Federations except through the Commission which shall determine the amount and the terms of the grant; and no new grants shall be made in any case until the audited accounts of the previous year, if any, have been submitted and accepted by the Commission.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "National Sports Federation" means the body responsible for the administration and organization of a particular sport on a national basis in Nigeria and recognized as such by the Commission.

17. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and any standing orders made there under, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be as may be determined by that body.

Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Bill. Interpretation.

18. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Commission" means the National Sports Commission established by virtue of section 1 (1) of this Bill;

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Commission appointed in accordance with section 2(1) of this Bill;

"the Director-General" means the Director-General appointed pursuant to section 7(1) of this Bill;

"functions" includes powers and duties;

"member" means a member of the Commission;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for sports;

"National Sports Federation" has the meaning assigned to it by section 16(5) of this Bill;

"Sports" includes any game or recreational activity approved by the Commission for the purposes of this Bill;

"Secretary" means secretary to the Commission appointed in accordance with section 7(1) of the Bill;

"Zonal Sports Offices" means bodies established in each of the six geopolitical zones of the federation charged with responsibility for sports within each zone and recognised as such by the Commission;

"Universities Games Association" means the Games Association of the universities functioning in Nigeria and recognized as such by the Commission.

19. This Bill may be cited as the National Sports Commission Bill, 2021.

Citation

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION, ETC.

##### *Tenure of office of members, etc.*

1—(1) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, that vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor, so however that the successor shall represent the same interest and shall be appointed by the same authority as his predecessor.

(2) The Commission may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

### *Committees*

2—(1) The Commission shall appoint three standing committees which shall carry out such functions as the Commission may delegate to them and which shall be designated as follows—

(a) the Finance and Establishments Committee;

(b) the Facilities (Structures and Equipment) Committee; and

(c) the Sports Development Committee; and, subject to the foregoing, the Commission may appoint such other committees to advise it on the exercise and performance of its functions under this Bill as it may from time to time consider necessary.

(2) Every such committee shall consist of—

(a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Commission from among the members of the Commission;

(b) not more than five other persons (whether or not they are members of the Commission), so however that any non-member of the Commission co-opted to serve on any committee shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a member except the right to vote and to count towards a quorum.

(3) In this paragraph "Chairman" means Chairman of a committee.

### *Proceedings of the Commission*

3—(1) The Commission shall meet for that conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than twice a year.

(2) The Chairman may at any time, and shall at the request in writing of the President or of not less than four members one each from a different zone, summon a meeting to be held within fourteen days from the date the notice is given.

(3) Particulars of the business to be transacted at any meeting shall be circulated to members with the notice of the meeting.

4.—(1) Where the Commission or a committee of the Commission desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt that person as a member for a meeting whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering that matter.

(2) A person so co-opted shall not be entitled to vote nor shall he count towards a quorum.

5.—(1) Every question put before the Commission at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.

(2) Ten members, six of whom shall be chairman of Sports Councils representing the six zonal offices, shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Commission.

(3) The Chairman shall, at any meeting, have a vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, may exercise a casting vote.

6. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, but if he is absent from any meeting of the Commission, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside at that meeting.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Commission may make standing orders with respect to the holding of meetings, the nature of notice to be given, the proceedings thereat, the keeping of minutes of such proceedings and the custody and production for inspection of such minutes.



*Miscellaneous*

8.—(1) Any contract or instrument which if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Commission by any person generally or specifically authorised by it for that purpose.

(2) Any member of the Commission or of a committee thereof, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Commission or the committee, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Commission or the committee and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.

9.—(1) The common seal of the Commission shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Commission and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(2) The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or some other member authorised generally or specifically by the Commission to act for that purpose.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Commission shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

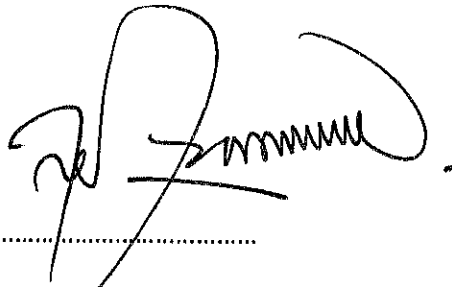
10. The Six Zonal Sports offices are:

- (1) Zone 1 — Ibadan comprising: Oyo, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Lagos and Ekiti States;
- (2) Zone 2 — Benin comprising: Edo, Delta, Rivers, Cross River, Bayelsa and Akwa Ibom States;
- (3) Zone 3 — Enugu comprising: Abia, Imo, Ebonyi, and Anambra States;
- (4) Zone 4 — Bauchi comprising: Adamawa, Gombe, Borno and Taraba States;
- (5) Zone 5 — Jos comprising: Plateau, Nasarawa, Benue, Kwara, Niger, Federal Capital Territory, Kogi States;
- (6) Zone 6 — Kaduna comprising: Kaduna, Kano; Katsina, Jigawa, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara States.

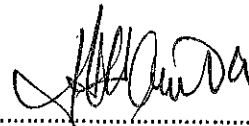
Explanatory Memorandum

This bill seeks to Establish the National Sports Commission to be charged with the responsibility of Administering, Encouraging and Developing Sports and Games throughout Nigeria and other matters incidental thereto, 2021.

**THIS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON TUESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**



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President,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Clerk,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria