

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE POLICE ACT (CAP P19), LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND EXPUNGE THE GENDER-DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS OF REGULATIONS 122,123,124 AND 127 FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2019

Sponsored by Senator Ezenwa Onyewuchi

[] Commencement

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

1	1. The Police Act (Cap P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,	Amendment of the Principal Act
2	2004 (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this	
3	Act.	

4	2. Regulation 122,123,124 and 127 is hereby expunged from the	Amendment of Regulation 122, 123, 124 and 127
5	provisions of the Principal Act-	

6	(i) Regulation 122: restricts female police officers assigned to the
7	General Duties Branch of the NPF to telephone, clerical and office orderly
8	duties;

9	(ii) Regulation 123: prohibits women police from drilling under
10	arms;

11	(iii) Regulation 124: mandates female police officers to apply for
12	permission to marry, while the intending fiance is also investigated for
13	criminal records. It also stipulates that a police woman who is single at the
14	time of her enlistment must spend three years in service before applying for
15	permission to marry;

16	(iv) Regulation 127: prescribes discriminatory treatment of an
17	unmarried police officer who becomes pregnant.

18	3. This Bill may be cited as the Police Act (Amendment) Bill,	Short title
19	2019.	

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The bill seeks to amend the Police Act (Cap P19), Laws of The Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by expunging the gender-discriminatory provisions of regulations 122,123,124 and 127.