

The following Bill, which will in due course be presented to the House of Representatives for enactment, is published for general information.

A BILL FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PORTS ORDINANCE (No. 27 OF 1954)

[1st May, 1959]

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Ports (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1959.

2. Section 41 of the Ports Ordinance, 1954 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance) is amended by the insertion after word "port" where it first appears of the following—"or the approaches thereto".

Title.

Commence-
ment.

Enactment.

Short title
and
commence-
ment.

Amendment
of section 41.
(No. 27 of
1954).

Amendment
of section 42.

3. Section 42 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the addition at the end of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of the following in each case—"and the approaches thereto".

Amendment
of sections
61, 67 and
76.

4. Sections 61, 67 and 76 of the principal Ordinance are amended by the insertion after the word "port" of the following in each case—"or the approaches thereto".

Amendment
of Fourth
Schedule.

5. The Fourth Schedule to the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion of paragraph 10 and the substitution therefor of the following—

"Committees. 10.—(1) The Authority shall from time to time appoint a General Purposes and Finance Committee from among its Members and may appoint in like manner such Committees either of a general or special nature and consisting of such numbers of persons as the Authority thinks fit for any purposes which in the opinion of the Authority would be better regulated and controlled by means of the Committees and may delegate, with such restrictions or conditions as it may think fit, any of its powers or duties to any such Committee.

(2) Every Committee shall report all its actions and proceedings to the Authority."

Further
amendment
of the
Fourth
Schedule.

6. The Fourth Schedule to the principal Ordinance is further amended by the deletion of paragraph 12 and the substitution therefor of the following—

"12. Subject to the provision of this Ordinance, the Authority shall, with the approval of the Minister, from time to time make, vary and revoke Standing Orders for the purpose of regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Authority or of any Committee thereof, and such Standing Orders shall include, *inter alia*, provisions with respect to the notices to be given of such meetings, the proceedings thereat and the custody of and the production for inspection of the Minutes of such proceedings."

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to amend the Ports Ordinance, 1954 in order to enable the functions of the Nigerian Ports Authority to extend to approaches to ports over which they now have jurisdiction.

2. The opportunity has been taken to amend the Fourth Schedule to the Ordinance by providing for the appointment of such Committees as the Authority may find convenient and enlarging the powers of the Authority in respect of matters for which Standing Orders may be made.

(Bill 594)

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