

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPANIES ACT 1968, MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE IN EACH STATE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

*Sponsored by Hon. E. N. D. UWANDU  
Mbaitoli Federal Constituency, Imo State*

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Commence-  
ment.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
2 Republic of Nigeria as follows—

3 1. The Companies Act 1968 is hereby amended by *repealing* section  
4 372 thereof and *substituting* therefor the following new section—

Amendment  
of section 372  
of Companies  
Act 1968.

5 "Registra- 372 (1) There shall be for purposes of this Act an  
6 tion officers  
and offices. office or offices for the registration of companies, in the  
7 Federal Capital Territory and in each State of Nigeria.

8 (2) There shall be appointed a fit and proper person to  
9 be the Registrar of Companies and such number of deputy  
10 registrars, assistant registrars and other officers as the  
11 Minister may from time to time approve for carrying into  
12 effect the provisions of this Act.

13 (3) The offices of the Registrar, deputy registrars, assistant  
14 registrars, and other officers shall be offices in the civil  
15 service of the Federation.

16 (4) A deputy registrar shall be the head of any office  
17 established in a State under subsection (1) and shall subject

1 to the directions of the Registrar, perform in that State the  
2 duty of registration of companies and other duties of the  
3 Registrar, under this Act.

4 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the Registrar or  
5 deputy registrar as the case may be, may delegate to any  
6 assistant registrar the duty of registration of companies under  
7 this Act.

8 (6) Without prejudice to the other functions of the  
9 Registrar under this Act, the Registrar shall—

10 (a) maintain a central registry of companies ;

11 (b) co-ordinate and direct the efforts and activities of  
12 all the offices established under subsection (1) ; and

13 (c) facilitate the prompt registration of companies  
14 under this Act.

15 (7) The Registrar shall have a seal of office which shall  
16 be in such form as the Minister may from time to time  
17 approve and be used for the authentication of instruments  
18 registered under this Act, and until the Minister otherwise  
19 directs, the seal used by the Registrar immediately before  
20 the commencement of this Act shall upon its commence-  
21 ment, be his seal of office for purposes of this Act."

22 2. This Act may be cited as the Companies (Amendment) Act

23 1981.

Short  
title.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to enable the office of the Registrar of Companies earn increased revenue by creating more offices for the registration of companies in the country, thereby decongesting the Registrar's office in Lagos, and enabling the Registrar by improved procedures to facilitate the prompt registration of companies throughout the Federation.

# A BILL FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR WARNING CIGARETTE SMOKERS  
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

*Sponsored by HON. FOLA OMIDIJI  
Egba-Alake Federal Constituency, Abeokuta, Ogun State*

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Commence-  
ment.

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

3 1. (1) No person shall sell or offer to sell or have in his possession  
4 with intent to sell, any cigarette unless it is contained in a packet or  
5 wrapper on which there is printed in bold and legible type, the following  
6 warning—

Warning of  
Injury to  
health.

7 “Cigarette smoking can seriously injure your health.”

8 (2) The said warning shall be printed in a colour clearly contrasting  
9 with the background colour upon which it is printed.

10 (3) No person shall print or publish or cause to be printed or  
11 published any advertisement relating to cigarettes unless that advertise-  
12 ment incorporates the warning specified in subsection (1) of this section.

13 2. (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section  
14 1 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable—

Offences and  
Penalties.

1 (a) where that person is an individual, to a fine of one thousand  
2 naira or imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and  
3 imprisonment ;

4 (b) where that person is a body corporate, to a fine of five thousand  
5 naira ; and

6 (c) where that person is a manufacturer of cigarettes, to a fine of  
7 ten thousand naira.

8 (2) Where a body corporate commits an offence under this Act  
9 with the knowledge, co-operation or connivance of any servant of that  
10 body corporate, the said servant shall be guilty of an offence and liable  
11 to a fine of one thousand naira or imprisonment for six months or to  
12 both such fine and imprisonment.

13 3. A police officer may arrest without warrant any person reasonably  
14 suspected of committing an offence under this Act.

15 4. This Act may be cited as the Cigarette Smoking (Injury) Act  
16 1981.

Power of  
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#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to warn the public of the health hazards caused by cigarette smoking.

# A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR ESTABLISHING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGES THROUGHOUT NIGERIA AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

*Sponsored by Hon. Dr E. J. Sowho,  
Ethiope Federal Constituency, Bendel State*

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1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
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3 1.—(1) There shall for purposes of the promotion of post-primary  
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5 tuency at least one Federal Government College.

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Federal  
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6 (2) The College shall provide reasonable boarding facilities and  
7 such comprehensive training courses in arts, science, commerce and  
8 technical education as the case may be, as the Minister may deem  
9 necessary for the preparation of post-primary students for admission  
10 into institutions of higher learning and the professions.

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1 (3) The College shall admit in each year not less than 300 first  
2 year post-primary students :

3 Provided that—

4 (a) the total number of post-primary students attending various  
5 courses in the College in any year shall not be more than 2,000 ; and

6 (b) one-third of the total number of those students shall be  
7 admitted from States other than the State in which the College is  
8 established.

Existing  
Colleges.

9 2. All Federal Government Colleges existing on the commence-  
10 ment of this Act shall be deemed to have been established under this Act.

Directions  
of

11 3. The Minister may from time to time give to the principal of any  
12 College special or general directions for the efficient administration  
13 of that College and he shall comply with such directions.

Board of

14 4.—(1) Each College shall have a Board of Governors which shall—

15 (a) from time to time submit reports and make recommendations  
16 on the activities and administration of that College ;

17 (b) ensure that the Government policy on post-primary education  
18 is complied with ; and

19 (c) do such other things as the Board may deem necessary for the  
20 performance of its functions.

21 (2) The Board of each College shall consist of the Chairman and four  
22 members, who shall be appointed by the Minister from among persons  
23 residing in the federal constituency in which that College is established.

24 (3) A member shall hold office for the period specified in his  
25 instrument of appointment :

26 Provided that the office of a member shall become vacant if—

27 (a) he resigns his office by writing under his hand addressed  
28 to the Minister ; or



1 (b) the Minister at any time, by writing under his hand removes  
2 that member from office.

3 (4) The members shall be paid such remunerations and allowances  
4 as the Minister may approve.

5 (5) The Board of each College shall hold its meeting whenever the  
6 Chairman of the Board so directs but shall hold not less than four meet-  
7 ings in any year.

8 (6) The Board of each College may by standing orders prescribe its  
9 own procedure.

10 (7) The principal of a College shall be the Secretary of the  
11 Board of that College and shall be responsible for carrying into effect  
12 the decisions of the said Board but shall not be a member.

13 5. In this Act—

Interpre-  
tation.

14 "Board" means Board of Governors appointed under section 4 ;

15 "College" means post-primary institution established or deemed  
16 to have been established under this Act ;

17 "Federal constituency" means the constituency of a member of  
18 the House of Representatives ;

19 "member" means member of the Board ;

20 "Minister" means Minister responsible for education.

21 6. This Act may be cited as the Federal Government Colleges Short title.  
22 Act 1981.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to establish Federal Government Colleges in all Federal Constituencies in Nigeria as a means of not only establishing meaningful Federal Government presence in those constituencies but also of providing the basic framework for national integration as well as effective feeder colleges for the professions and the various institutions of higher learning in the country.