

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DIETITIANS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA TO REGULATE THE PROFESSION OF DIETETICS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019 (HB. 547).

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

PROVISION OF BILL	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION	REMARK
PART I – ESTABLISHMENT OF DIETITIANS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA Establishment of Dietitians Council of Nigeria. 1. (1) There shall be established a body to be known as the Dietitians Council of Nigeria (in the Bill referred to as "The Council"). (2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.	Retained	
Functions of the Council. 2. The Functions of the Council shall be to: (a) determine the standards of knowledge and competence to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as Members, Associates or Fellows of the Council (hereinafter referred to as Dietetic Practitioners) and reviewing those standards, from time to time, as circumstances may permit; (b) regulate and control the practice of Dietetics by Dietetic Practitioners in Nigeria; (c) promote the adoption of healthy diets and lifestyle for all Nigerians and collaborate with government Ministries, Parastatals, International agencies and civil societies with similar mandate; (d) promote rapid sustainability of high quality diets for Nigerians through scientific methods and research; (e) advance the education, science, technology and art of Nutrition and Dietetics and collaborate with Nigerian Universities Commission in this respect; (f) educate the public on healthy diets for maintenance and prevention of diseases;	Retained	

(g) encourage the co-operation of the Council with any relevant Council in Nutrition and Dietetics internationally; (h) securing in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a register of Dietitians necessary for the purpose of recognizing persons entitled under this act to carry on as registered Dietitians subdivided into two grades: (i) registered Dietitians; (ii) registered Assistant dietitians; For the purpose of keeping record of persons entitled under this Bill to carry on as registered dietitians or registered Assistant dietitians and the publication from time to time of a list of persons so qualified. (i) perform any other functions as may be conferred on it in this Bill and as may from time to time be necessary to achieve the objectives of the Council.		
Powers of the Council. 3. The Council shall have power to: (a) establish such offices and branches of the Council as may be required for the proper administration and operation of the Council; (b) subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may approve, engage staff, agents and other workers as the Council may from time to time require for the performance of its functions under this Bill; (c) establish necessary organization for the proper and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Council; (d) provide regulations for all staff of the Council and provide pension and welfare Schemes for the staff; and (e) do such other acts and things as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Council.	Retained	
PART II- MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD Governing Board of the Council. 4. (1) There shall be established for the Council, a Governing body to be known as the Governing Board (in the Bill referred to as "the Board") which shall be charged with responsibility for the administration and general management of the Council.	Retained	

(2) The Board shall consist of the following: (a) the Chairman, who shall be a Registered Dietitian of not less than fifteen (15) years post registration experience to be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the Professional Association for Dietitians; (b) the Vice-Chairman, who shall be a registered Dietician of not less than twelve (12) years post registration experience (c) the Registrar; (d) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Health; (e) six registered Dietitians of not less than 10 years post registration experience to be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the Professional Association of Dietitians to represent each of the six geo-political zones in Nigeria; (f) two persons who shall be registered Dietitians of not less than 10 years post registration experience representing the Professional Association for Dietitians. (3) Appointment of members of the Board shall be made by the Minister in consultation with the Association for Dieticians.		
Tenure of office of members of the Board 5. (1) (a) The Chairman shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term; (b) The chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and in the event of death, incapacity or inability to perform the functions of his office, a new chairman shall be appointed for the unexpired term of office of the chairman. (2) (a) The tenure of office of all members of the Board other than an ex-officio member shall be three years but such member shall at the end of that term be eligible for re-election, for one more term only. (b) All members of Board shall be on part time basis except the Registrar of the Council. (c) The remuneration of the Registrar and other members of staff shall be determined by the Board.	Retained	

(d) Sitting allowances and other remunerations for other part time staff of the council shall be determined by the Board based on the prevailing economic realities. (3) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if he: (a) resigns from his office, by notice under his hand, addressed to the Board; (b) is removed from office by the Board, by reason of professional misconduct, physical or mental infirmity; or (c) without leave of the Board, absents himself for 3 consecutive meetings of the Board.		
Functions of the Board. 6. The functions of the Board shall be to: (a) carry into effect the functions and powers of the Council; (b) govern the affairs of the Council; (c) effect proper management of the Council; (d) do other acts and things as the Board may consider necessary for carrying out the functions and powers of the Council.	Retained	
Direction by the Minister. 7. The Minister may give to the Council directions of general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and the Council shall comply with the direction.	Retained	
PART III- FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Funds of the Council. 8. (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund for the purpose of this Bill. (2) There shall be paid into the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:	Retained	

(a) all fees and other monies payable to the Council in pursuance of this Bill; (b) such monies as may be payable to the council, whether in the course of the discharge of its functions or otherwise; (c) investment activities and services, Grants, endowments and donations; (d) revenue accruing to the Council from any other source approved by the Board. (3) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Council: (a) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other employees of the Council; (b) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowance of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the business of the Council as the Council may with the approval of the Minister determine; and (c) any other expenses incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill. (4) The funds of the Council shall be paid into an account in a reputable bank approved by the Board and no instrument for the withdrawal of any money from that account shall be valid unless it is authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman of the Board and the Registrar or by the Signatures of such officers of the Council as may from time to time be approved by the Board.		
Power to invest. 9. The Council may invest the fund in any security created or issued by or on behalf of the Federal Government or in any other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the Board.	Retained	
Power to borrow. 10. The Council may, from time to time, with the approval of the Board and in line with applicable laws, policies and regulations, borrow such sums by way of loan, overdraft or from any other source, as may be required for the performance of its functions and meeting its obligations under this Bill.	Retained	
Power to accept gifts. 11. (1) The Council may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be	Retained	

specified by the persons or organization making the gift. (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the persons or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Council under this Bill.		
Annual estimates. 12. (1) The Council shall, not later than 30 th September of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister an estimate of its income and expenditure for the next succeeding year. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection(1) of this section, the Council may, where necessary due to unforeseen circumstances, submit supplementary or adjusted statements of estimated income and expenditure to the Minister for approval.	Retained	
Accounts and audit. 13. (1) The Council shall keep proper and regular accounts and other records of monies received and paid by the Council and for other purposes for which monies have been received or paid, and of its assets, credits and liabilities in respect of each year and shall cause its accounts to be audited on or before 31st March of the following year to which the accounts relate, by a firm of auditors appointed from the approved list of auditors by the Council. (2) The Council shall do all things necessary to ensure that all payments of its funds and bank accounts are correctly made and properly authorized and that adequate control is maintained over its assets. (3) The Audited account of the Council shall be submitted to the Board not later than the 30th day of September of each year. (4) As soon as the accounts and the financial statements of the Council have been audited in accordance with the requirement of this Bill, the Council shall forward a copy of the audited financial statements to the Minister together with any report or observations made by the auditors not later than 30th day of October of each year. (5) The remuneration of the auditor shall be paid out of the fund of the Council.	Retained	
PART IV- APPOINTMENT AND TENURE OF REGISTRAR Appointment of the Registrar. 14. (1) The Board shall appoint a Registrar for the Council, who	Retained	

shall be the Chief Executive and Secretary to the Council.

(2) The Registrar shall:

(a) be a practicing registered Dietician and hold a minimum of Bachelor Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics;

(b) has not less than 15 years post experience in Nutrition and Dietetics;

(c) be subject to the control of the Board.

(3) The Registrar shall be the secretary to the Board and to the Disciplinary Committee.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain the following in accordance with rules made by the Council:

(a) a register of names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mails, approved and of such other qualifications and particulars, as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled to be enrolled as associates and members and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered;

(b) a register of the premises of members of the profession, who are in private practice.

(5) The Register shall consist of three parts of which:

(a) the first part shall be in respect of full members;

(b) the second part shall be in respect of associate members.

(6) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section, the Board shall make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries therein.

(7) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to:

(a) correct, in accordance with the Board's directions, any entry in the register which the Board directs him to correct as being in the Board's opinion was incorrectly made;

(b) make, from time to time, any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered person and premises;

(c) remove from the register the name of any registered person who died or whose temporary registration has

ceased; and (d) record the names of registered persons who are in default for more than six months in payment of annual subscription, and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of names of defaulters from the register) as the council may direct or require. (8) If the Registrar: (a) sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within a period of six months from the date of posting it; and (b) upon the expiration of that period sends in the like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receives no reply to the letter between three months from the date of last posting the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register: Provided that the Council may direct the Registrar to return to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed there from under this subsection. (9) When a person's name is entered on the register of members maintained under this section, that person shall thereupon be taken to become a member of the Dietitians Council of Nigeria and shall be entitled to affix the suffix "RDN" meaning: "Registered Dietitian-Nutritionist" after his name.		
Other staff of the Council. 15. (1) The Board shall appoint directly or on secondment from other Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies such number and category of employees as the Registrar may require in the effective discharge of his duties and functions under this Bill. (2) The Board shall have power to appoint, promote and discipline staff of the Council. (3) The Board shall make rules and regulations in line with Public Service Rules relating to the conditions of service of employees of the Council, including rules providing for the appointment, promotion, advancement, determination of appointment and discipline of the employees. (4) The members of staff of the Council shall be public officers	Retained	

as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended). (5) Service in the Council shall be pensionable service under the Pension Reform Act provided that nothing in this section shall exclude the Council from employing staff on non-pensionable terms and conditions.		
Publication of register and list of corrections. 16. (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to: (a) to cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the commencement of this Bill and; (b) thereafter in each year, cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforesaid, either a corrected edition of the register or a list of corrections made to the register since it was last printed; and (c) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of correction to be deposited at the principal Offices of the Council; and (d) keep the register and list so deposited open to members of the public at all reasonable times for inspection. (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar in the current year, or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of the register so published in the current year and of the list of correction to that edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or the documents read together, as being registered, was so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered. (3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section a person is, in any proceedings shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved be taken for the purpose of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be, or not to be, so enrolled or registered.	Retained	
PART V- REGISTRATION Registration.	Retained	

17. (1) A Registered Dietitian shall be entitled to practice as such throughout Nigeria. (2) A person shall be entitled to be fully registered as a Dietitian under this Bill if he: (a) is a Nigeria citizen; (b) is of good conduct; (c) holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from a University accredited by the National Universities Commission, or holds a National Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics from an institution accredited by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) plus a postgraduate diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics from any institution accredited and approved by the National Universities Commission. (d) has paid the prescribed fee.		
Registration of Associates. 18. (1) A person is qualified to be registered as an associate member if he: (a) has attained a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at a Polytechnic so approved by the National Board for Technical Education; (b) holds a National Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics from a reputable Polytechnic; (c) pays the prescribed fee. (2) Subject to the provision of this section, a citizen of Nigeria who qualified from an approved institution outside Nigeria shall be entitled to be fully registered under this Bill, if he satisfies the Council that he:- (a) holds a qualification granted outside Nigeria and for the time being accepted by the Council for the purposes of this subsection as regards the profession; (b) in the country in which the qualification was granted he was under no legal disability in the practice of Dietetics.	Retained	

(c) holds a certificate of registration as a Dietitian acceptable to the Council; (d) pays the prescribed fee. (3) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Council made under this section may appeal to the Minister within one month after notification of the refusal is communicated to him.		
Registration of foreign trained Dietitians. 19. (1) A person who is not a citizen of Nigeria may be registered as Dietitian under this Bill if the country of which he is a citizen grants reciprocal registration facilities to Nigeria citizens and if he: (a) holds a qualification approved by the Council; (b) has passed the Council's examination of ethics governing the practice of Dietetics in Nigeria and before being registered acquires the required experience. (2) An applicant for registration shall in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that he: (a) is of good conduct; (b) has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty; and (c) has paid the prescribed fee. (3) The Council may, in its discretion, provisionally accept a qualification in respect of an application for registration under this section or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction. (4) Any entry directed to be made in the register under subsection (3) of this section, shall show that such registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Council in writing in that behalf.	Retained	
Publication of qualification for registration. 20. The Council shall, from time to time, publish in the Gazette particulars of qualifications for the time being accepted for registration under this Bill.	Retained	
PART V – PRACTICING FEES Practicing fees. 21. (1) No registered person shall practice as a Registered	Retained	

Dietitian in any year unless he has paid to the Council in respect of that year, the appropriate practicing fee which shall be due January of every year or as may be prescribed by the Council. (2) A Dietician with at least forty years post registration experience or who has attained the age of sixty-five years is exempted from the payment of practicing fees. (3) Every fully Registered Dietitian who has paid his registration fee as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section is exempted from payment of registration fee as in subsection (2) of this section, shall be entitled to an annual practicing license authorizing him, subject to any regulations in force, to practice the profession of Nutrition and Dietetics. (4) The Council may with the confirmation of the Minister, from time to time, vary the practicing fees, (5) A registered Dietician who fails to pay the prescribed practicing fee by 31st day of March of every year shall in addition to the fee, pay a fine of a sum which is equivalent to fifty percent of the applicable fee within the year.		
PART VI – PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT Professional misconduct. 22. In this part, "professional misconduct" means any conduct considered by the Council to be professional misconduct and includes professional indiscipline, abuse of office and corrupt practices in the conduct of a member in the public service.	Retained	
Disciplinary Committee. 23. (1) There shall be established for the Council a Disciplinary Committee to be known as the Dietitians Council of Nigeria Disciplinary Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the Committee"). (2) Which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Investigating Panel established by subsection (4) of this section and any other case of which the Committee has taken cognizance under the provisions of this Bill. (3) The Committee shall consist of the Chairman and six other members appointed by the Board. (4) There shall be a body to be known as the Dietitians Council of Nigeria Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred as "the Panel") which will be charged with the duty of:	Retained	

(a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a person registered has misbehaved in his capacity as a Dietitian or any other person subject of proceedings before the Committee; and

(b) deciding whether the case should be referred to the Committee.

(5) The Panel shall be appointed by the Board and shall consist of four members of the Council and two members of the Board.

(6) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the Committee and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.

(7) The rules to be applied by the Disciplinary Committee with regards to Professional misconduct are as contained in the schedule.

Penalties for professional misconduct, etc.

24. (1) Where:

(a) a registered person is adjudged by the Disciplinary Committee to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or

(b) a registered person is convicted, by any Court of Law or Tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to impose imprisonment, for an offence (whether or not an offence punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is incompatible with the status of a Dietician, as the case may be; or

(c) the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered in the Register the Disciplinary Committee may, if it thinks fit, give any of the directions specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The Disciplinary Committee may give a direction under subsection (1) of this section:

(a) ordering the Registrar to strike the person's name off the relevant register or registers;

(b) admonishing that person.

(3) The Disciplinary Committee may if it thinks fit, defer or further defer its decision

as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the disciplinary committee; but—

(a) no decision shall be deferred under this subsection for any period exceeding two years in the aggregate; and

(b) no person shall be a member of the Disciplinary Committee for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred unless he was present as a member of the Disciplinary Committee when the decision was deferred.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted as mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may, without extension of time, be brought in connection with the conviction.

(5) When the Disciplinary Committee gives a direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Disciplinary Committee shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.

(6) The person to whom such a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of the notice of the direction, appeal against it.

(7) A direction of the Disciplinary Committee under subsection (1) of this section shall take effect —

(a) where no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time allowed for the appeal, on the expiration of that time;

(b) where such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal;

(c) where such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as aforesaid, if and when the appeal is dismissed.

(8) A person whose name is removed from a Register in pursuance of a direction of the Disciplinary Committee under this section shall not be entitled to be registered in that Register again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Disciplinary Committee on the application of that person.

(9) A direction under this section for the removal of a person's name from a register may prohibit an application under

subsection (8) of this section by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction, and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application, as may be specified in the direction.		
PART VII - MEETINGS Meetings. 25. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman, and if the chairman is requested to do so, by notice in writing given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is given. (2) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside. (3) The quorum of the Board shall be one third of the members of the Board.	Retained	
Standing orders. 26. The Council may make standing orders to regulate its proceedings and those of any of its committees.	Retained	
Annual general meeting. 27. The Council shall hold an annual general meeting of all members every year.	Retained	
PART VIII – MISCELLANEOUS Regulations. 28. (1) The Council may make regulations to carry into effect any of the provisions of this Bill. (2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Council may make regulations to- (a) prescribe the fees, dues and subscriptions payable by the Members; (b) prescribe the date, procedure and agenda of the annual general meeting of the Council; and (c) specify the offices and duties of the officers of the Council.	Retained	
Interpretation. 29. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires-	Retained	

“Board” means the Governing Board Established for the Council; “Complainant” means any person who makes an allegation of professional misconduct against a registered Dietitian or associate; “the Council” means the Dietitians Council of Nigeria; “Dietitian” means a person registered to practice as a Dietitian-Nutritionist by the Council; “Dietitian/ dietitian- nutritionist” means a professional who applies the science of food and nutrition to promote health, prevent and treat disease; “Disciplinary Committee” Means the Dietitians Council of Nigeria Disciplinary Committee; “Members” means a Registered member or an Associate of the Council; “Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for matters relating to health; “Panel” means the Dietitians Council of Nigeria Investigation Panel; “Profession” means Dietetics profession; “Professional Association for Dietitians” means Association of Nigerian Dietitians (AND); “RDN” means Registered Dietitian-Nutritionist; “Secretary” means a person appointed to act as the Registrar of the Dietitians Council of Nigeria.		
Short title.	Retained	
30. This Bill may be cited as the Dietitians Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018.		
SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND INVESTIGATING PANEL <i>The Disciplinary Committee</i> 1. The quorum of the Disciplinary Committee shall be five members.	Retained	

2. The Rules made pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Schedule shall in particular provide – (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given in such time and manner, as may be specified by the rules to the person who is the subject of the proceedings; (b) for determining who, in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceedings; (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires, be entitled to be heard by the Disciplinary Committee; (d) for securing that any part to the proceedings may be represented by a legal practitioner; (e) For determining the costs of proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee. (f) for requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Disciplinary Committee adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and (g) For publishing in the Gazette notice of any direction of the Disciplinary Committee which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register. 3. For the purpose of any proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee, any member of the Disciplinary Committee may administer oath and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the Federal High Court writs of suprema ad testificandum and duces tecum but no person appearing before the Disciplinary Committee shall be compelled to - (a) make any statement before the Disciplinary Committee tending to incriminate himself; or (b) produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action. 4. The quorum of the Investigating Panel shall be five all of whom shall be Dieticians. 5. The Investigating Panel may, at any of its meeting attended by		
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all the members of the Investigating Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Investigating Panel. 6. Subject to the provisions for any such standing orders, the Investigating Panel may regulate its own procedure. <i>Miscellaneous</i> 7. A person ceasing to be a member of the Disciplinary Committee or the Investigating Panel shall be eligible for appointment as a member of that body. 8. A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Disciplinary Committee and the Investigating Panel; but no person who acted as a member of the Investigating Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Disciplinary Committee with respect to that case. 9. The Disciplinary Committee or the Investigating Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership, and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of member of that body by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body. 10. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Disciplinary Committee or the Investigating Panel shall be served on the Registrar. 11. Any expenses of the Disciplinary Committee or Investigating Panel shall be defrayed by the Council. 12. A person shall not by reason of his appointment as an assessor to the Disciplinary Committee, be treated as holding an office in the Public Service of the Federation.		
EXPLANATORY NOTE This Bill seeks to establish Dietitian Council of Nigeria, to regulate the practice of the Profession of Nutrition and Dietetics and for other matters connected therewith to achieve a more wholesome Dietetics practice and maintain standards among Dietetic Practitioners.	Retained	