

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NIGERIA NATURAL MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE RESEARCH, DEVELOP, PROMOTE, COLLATE, DOCUMENT, AND PRESERVE NIGERIA'S INDIGENOUS (TRADITIONAL) HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, MEDICATIONS AND NON-MEDICATIONS HEALING ARTS, SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGIES, BIO-RESOURCES AND FACILITATE THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019 (HB. 1383)

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

PROVISION OF BILL	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION	REMARK
PART 1 — ESTABLISHMENT, ETC. OF NIGERIA NATURAL MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Establishment, etc. of Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency. 1. (1) There is hereby established an agency to be known as Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA) (In this Bill referred to as "the Agency") (2) The Agency: (a) shall be body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal; (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name; and (c) may acquire, hold and dispose of property whether moveable or immovable.	Retained	
Establishment and membership of the Board. 2. (1) There is hereby established for the agency, a board (in this Bill referred to as the "Board") which shall consist of: (a) the chairman shall be a professional with adequate professional qualification and experience in the Physical and Life Sciences or Pharmaceutical Sciences or Science Technology and Innovation Management; (b) the representative of the Ministry of Science and Technology; (c) the representative of the Ministry of Health; (d) the representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (e) the representative of the Ministry of Environment	Retained	

(f) the representative of the Ministry of Trade and Investment; (g) Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Group of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (PMG-MAN) or his representative (h) Chairman and one representative of the National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners (national president and one representative of the national association of Nigeria traditional medicine practitioners (NANTMP); and (i) the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer of the Agency who shall be the Secretary of Board. (2) The chairman and other members of the Board shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister. <i>Schedule.</i> (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the board and other matters contained therein.		
Tenure of members of the board. 3. The Chairman and members of the Board shall hold office for a period of 4 years and may be re-appointed for a further period of 4 years and no more, on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.	Retained	
Removal or resignation or cessation of membership of the board from office. 4. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of this Bill, a member of the board shall cease to hold office as member, where the member — (a) resigns his appointment as member of the board; (b) by notice under his hand addressed to the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; (c) becomes of unsound mind; (d) becomes bankrupt; (e) is convicted of felony or any other offensive involving dishonesty or corruption; (f) becomes incapable of carrying on the functions of his office either arising from an	Retained	

infirmity of body or mind; (g) is certified by the president of the federal republic of Nigeria that it is not in the interest of the agency or of the public for the person to continue in office; (h) has been found guilty under code of conduct or serious misconduct in relation to his duties; (i) in the case of person who becomes a member by virtue of the office he occupies, ceases to hold such office, or; (j) in the case of a person who becomes professional qualification is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world, by an order of competent authority or court. (2) Where a member of the Board ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever, before expiration of his tenure, another person representing the same interest he represents shall be appointed to the board for the unexpired tenure.		
Remuneration of members of the governing board of the agency. 5. The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be paid such allowances and expenses in accordance with such rate as may be approved by the Federal Government of Nigeria, from time to time.	Retained	
PART II — OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY AND BOARD Functions of the Agency. 6. The Agency shall: (a) research, develop, promote, collate, document, and preserve Nigeria's indigenous (traditional) healthcare systems, medications and non-medication healing arts, sciences, technologies and bio resources and facilitate their integration into the national healthcare delivery system; (b) conduct ethno-medical/ethno-veterinary surveys, with a view to developing a comprehensive inventory of medical, aromatic and presidential plants (MAPPs) and animal/animal parts and minerals and other bio diversities of Nigeria used natural medicine;	Retained	

(c) promote the active cultivation of medicinal, aromatic, presidential plants and other raw materials through the development of appropriate species identification, good agricultural and collections practices and technologies for adoption by farmers;

(d) develop and disseminate MAPPS Post harvest processing technologies and techniques, to ensure good quality raw materials, value Addition, herbal therapies formulation and production;

(e) cultivate and grow medicinal, aromatic and presidential plants and ensure proper identification of active substances used in natural medicine practice and translation of relevant information into Nigeria languages;

(f) establish model experimental farms and activity centers in each of the six geo political zones of the country;

(g) establish and maintain a virtual/digital library and national databank, information references center on Nigeria's indigenous (traditional) health systems, medication and non-medication healing arts, sciences and technologies;

(h) research, collate, document and disseminate all published and unpublished research works and findings on all aspects of traditional medicine, products and practices including medicinal, aromatic and presidential plants indigenous health sciences and technology;

(i) support, facilitate and promote the conduct of safety assessment, observational studies and clinical trials of Nigeria traditional therapies;

(j) stimulate, support, and facilitate, the development of policies and legal instruments for the protection and preservations of the nation's intellectual property rights, traditional medicines knowledge and biodiversity;

(k) facilitate and support the development of appropriate benefit sharing regimes and promote awareness about issues of intellectual property right with regards to traditional medicines knowledge, biodiversity and prevent bio piracy;

(l) educate practitioners of traditional medicine to improve their products development and practice skills and encourage the documentation of their traditional medicine knowledge through sensitization and interactive workshops and training; (m) demystify and increase public awareness and interest in the development, promotion and rational utilization of appropriate natural medicines, products and services; (n) collaborate with other stakeholders to explore/promote the establishment of model natural medicine clinics attached to existing hospitals in all zones of the country; (o) promote interaction and collaborations between Nigeria practitioners of natural medicines and conventional health practitioners and their counterparts of the world; (p) encourage the active participation and involvement of Nigerian traditional medicine practitioners in the activities of international, bilateral, multilateral, and non-governmental organizations; (q) establish a model school of natural medicine, as training arm of agency and seek accreditation/affiliation with appropriate bodies and higher institutions, to carry out man power development and training of interested individuals and entrepreneurs; (r) publish and maintain a discover of Nigeria traditional medicine practitioners for collaborative research and development purposes; (s) perform such functions and deemed necessary or expedient for the actualization of the objectives under this Bill.		
Functions of the Board. 7. The Board shall: (a) formulate policies and advice the Federal Government on strategies and best practices to achieve the mandates, objectives and functions of the agency; (b) receive and consider proposals,	Retained	

recommendations and suggestions by Committees, other bodies and persons on subjects relating to functions of the Agency; (c) consider and approve the work plans, estimates, financial statements, Audited Accounts and Development Plans of the agency; (d) consider and approve changes in the location of offices of the Agency and the Management structure; (e) approve the appointment of principal officers of the Agency that are necessary for proper discharge of its functions mandate; (f) devise strategies for attracting funds and contributions to the Agency in line with the existing financial regulations; (g) enter into research and production partnership with companies, firms/organizations or individuals as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Agency in the line with existing financial regulations with the approval of the Board and consent of the Minister; (h) submit to the Minister, through the Board, the annual report and audit of the Agency; and (i) carry out any other duties as the board may approve with the consent of the Minister from time to time, direct; (j) constitute committees as may be necessary and charged with specific functions delegated by the Board.		
Appointment of the Director-General and Staff of the Agency. 8. (1) There shall be for the Agency, a Director General to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister. (2) The Director General shall be: (a) a person who possess not less than 15 years post qualification and research experience in physical and life sciences, or pharmaceutical sciences or technology and innovation management;	Retained	

(b) the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Agency; and (c) responsible for the execution of policies and the day to day administration of the agency. (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Director General shall: (a) be the head of the secretariat and Secretary to the Board; (b) keep and secure the records of the Board; (c) issue notices of meetings of the Board; (d) be responsible for the taking and preparation of the minutes of the Board, from time to time; and (e) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Board. (4) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of 4 years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for another term for 4 years and no more, on such terms and condition as may be specified in the letter of appointment.		
Appointment of other staff of the agency. 9. (1) The agency shall appoint — (a) Zonal Activity Centres Coordinator not below the rank of Chief Research officer who shall be in charge of the Activity Center in the Six geopolitical Zones; (b) such other number of employees as may in the opinion of the agency be expedient and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the agency (2) The Zonal Activity Centers Coordinators shall: (a) be professionals with adequate qualifications and experience in relevant fields; (b) be head of the Zones that they coordinates; (c) assist the Director General/Chief Executive Officer in the management of the Agency; (d) executive and implement the policies of the	Retained	

Agency as they apply to their zones; (e) supervise the work of Research Officers and support staff under his center and render regular reports as may be required by the Director General/Chief Executive Officer from time to time; (f) prepare annual projects/program and draft expenditure estimates for their centres; and (g) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Director General/Chief Executive Officer from time to time. (3) Appointment of Senior and Junior staff of the Agency shall be in accordance with approved guidelines of the Federal Government as contained in the Scheme of Service in the Federal public service (4) The terms and condition of services (including remuneration, allowances, benefits and pension) of the employees of the Agency shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of service in the Federal Public Service as may be approved by the Public Service of the Federation (5) The Board shall have power to: (a) appoint such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board be required to assist the Agency in the discharge of any of its functions under this Bill, (b) pay to persons so employed, such remuneration (including allowances) as applicable in the Public Service of the Federation.		
Structure of the Agency. 10. (1) The agency shall with the approval of the minister through the board, have its head office in Abuja. (2) The Agency shall be composed of the following departments: (a) Research Policy, and Innovation Planning; (b) Products Development and Quality Assurance; (c) Bio-resources Development and Conservation; (d) Digital Library and ICT; (e) Administration and Supplies;	Retained	

(f) Finance and Accounts; (g) Legal Unit; (h) Protocol and Public Relations; (i) Procurement; (j) Zonal Activity Coordinators; and (k) Staff Clinic. (3) The Agency shall have power to establish such other departments or units as may be required for actualization of its functions under this Bill, from time to time. (4) The Agency shall with approval of the Board and consent of the Minister establish: (a) zonal Activity Centres in the Six Geopolitical Zones to coordinate the execution of the functions of the Agency.		
Appointment of Directors and other staff of the agency. 11. The Board shall promote within the Agency well qualified and experienced persons as directors, to be in charge of the departments and such other members of staff as may be considered necessary for the performance of the functions set out in this Bill.	Retained	
PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Fund of the Agency. 12. (1) There is established for the Agency a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Agency. (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund: (a) any allocation to the Agency from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation (b) any subvention or money as may from time to time, be granted or lent to the Agency by the Federal, State or a Local Government;	Retained	

(c) special grant of 0.1% of import duties collected on all imported herbal therapies and devices. (d) contributions from the Organized Private Sector, Donor Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and International Organizations; (e) money accruing from fees, awards and charges for services rendered by the Agency; (f) all monies raised for purposes of the Agency by way of gifts, grants, testamentary disposition or otherwise; (g) such other monies or assets as may from time to time accrue to the Agency.		
Expenditure of the Agency 13. The Agency shall, subject to the extant financial regulations apply the proceeds of the fund to: (a) cost of establishing and maintaining the Head Office of the Agency at Abuja; (b) research, development, documentation, planning, and production activities necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the Agency; (c) human capacity building/training and provision of scholarship and awards for specialized training of the employees of the Agency; (d) publication and promotion of research results and locally manufactured medicinal, indigenous medication and non-medication products; (e) payment of all Patent acquisition expenses, consultancies, contracts, fluctuation, variations, legal fees and cost on contract administration; (f) undertaking of such other activities as are connected with all or any of the functions of the Agency; and (g) payment of allowances of members of the board committees constituted by the Agency.	Retained	
Annual estimate. 14. (1) The Board shall submit to the Minister not later than 31st October of each year, its program of work and estimates	Retained	

of its income and expenditure for the following year.		
(2) The board shall cause to be kept, proper accounts and records of the Agency in respect of each financial year in relation to the accounts.		
Account and Audit.	Retained	
15. The Agency shall, not later than 30th of June of each financial year, submit its accounts to auditors appointed from the list of qualified auditors in accordance with guidelines laid down by Auditor General of the Federation and the auditors fees and expenses shall be paid from the Funds of the Agency.		
Annual report.	Retained	
16. (1) The agency shall prepare and submit to the Minister through the Board an annual report of its activities not later than 30th June of each year and such report shall include a copy of the audited accounts and the auditor's report of the Agency. (2) The Agency shall, not later the 30th September of each year submit to the Minister through the Board, an annual report of each of its subsidiary institutions for the preceding year.		
Disposal of surplus fund.	Retained	
17. The Board may invest any surplus funds of the Agency on profit yielding ventures and notwithstanding the power of the Agency, the President may issue to the Agency directives as he thinks necessary to the disposal of any surplus funds for the Agency.		
Power to borrow money.	Retained	
18. (1) The Agency may with the approval of the Board and consent of the Minister and in line with financial regulations from time to time borrow by overdraft or otherwise, such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill. (2) The agency shall not, without any approval of the board and consent of the minister, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, in line with financial regulations. (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Agency shall not borrow in foreign currency, without the prior approval of the President.		

(4) For the purpose of this section, any money borrowed by the Agency from any of its affiliated units shall be disregarded. Investment on production of capital goods and use of surplus fund. 19. (1) Subject to the approval of the Board and consent of the Minister and in line with investment and partnership regulations of the country, the Agency may invest in the profitable production of capital goods by joint-ventures, partnerships, shareholding or as sole proprietors, as the case may be, and the net income so generated shall be paid into the fund of the Agency. (2) The agency may invest any surplus funds in profit yielding venture, and notwithstanding that power, the Board with the consent of the Minister and in line with extant financial regulations may, issue to the Agency, directives as he may think necessary with regard to the disposal of may surplus funds of the Agency.		
PART V — MISCELLANEOUS Pensions. 20. (1) Service in the employment of the agency shall be as approved service under the Pensions Reform Act, accordingly, employees of the Agency shall, in respect of their services be entitled to pension and other retirement benefits as are prescribed in the Act. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms, which preclude the grant of pension and gratuity in respect of that office (3) For the purpose of the application of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by the president or authority other than the federal government (not being the power to make regulations under section 11 of the act), shall be vested in and exercisable by the Agency. (4) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Pensions Reform Act, shall in its application of subsection (3) of this section, have effect as if, the office were in the public service of the Federation within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).	Retained	
Staff regulation. 21. (1) The Board may make staff regulations relating generally to the terms and conditions of service of the	Retained	

employees of the Agency in line with the conditions in the Federal Public Service and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such regulations may provide for: (a) remuneration and tenure of office of members of staff of the Agency; (b) appointment, promotion, fringe benefits and productivity incentive, for members of staff of the Agency; and (c) appeal procedure for members of staff of the Agency against dismissal or other disciplinary measures. (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall not have effect until approved by the Minister and published in the Federal Government official Gazette.		
Power to accept gifts. 22. (1) The Agency may accept gifts of land, money or their property, on such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making gift. (2) The Agency shall not accept any gift, if the conditions attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with the objectives and functions of the Agency.	Retained	
Power to give directives. 23. The Minister may give to the Agency, directives of a general character relating to the policies and functions of the Agency, and the Agency shall comply with any directives given.	Retained	
Legal proceedings. 24. (1) No suit shall be commenced against the Agency before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit have been served upon the Agency (2) The notice shall specify the Plaintiff or his Agent and clearly state: (a) cause of action; (b) particulars of claims;	Retained	

(c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and (d) relief which he claims. (3) The notice referred to in the subsection (1) of this section of any summons, notice or other documents required or authorized to be served on the Agency under the provision of this Bill or any other enactment or law, may be served by: (a) delivering same to the Director General. (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the executive vice chairman at the head office of the agency. (4) In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution or attachment or process of any nature thereof, shall be issued against the Agency, but any sum of money which may, by the judgment of the court, be paid from the general reserve of the agency.		
Regulations. 25. The Board may with the approval of the Minister make regulations for the operation of this Bill, including the prescription of; (a) methods of payment into the fund of the agency by private sector; (b) fees to be paid for services rendered by the Agency; and (c) such other fees and charges as may be imposed for the services rendered by the Agency from time to time.	Retained	
Acquisition of interest in land or property. [Cap. 202 LFN] 26. (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its function, the Agency may subject to the Land Use Act; (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, farms, building or property; and (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises. <i>[Cap 202 LFN]</i> (2) The Agency may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell out any land or office premises held by it, which is no longer required for the performance of its function under this Bill.	Retained	

Limitation of suit Against Agency. 27. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply to any suit instituted against the Agency, an officer of the Agency or employee of the Agency. (2) No suit shall lie or be instituted in any court against the Agency, a member of the board or any principal officer or employee of the Agency for the action carried out in pursuance to the execution of this Bill or any enactment, or of any public duty in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or duty or authority, unless it is commenced; (a) within three months of such act, neglect or default complained thereof; or (b) in the case of continuation of damages or injury, within six months after the ceasing of the Act, neglect or default. (3) No suit shall be commenced against the Agency, a member of the Board or any principal officer or employee of the Agency before the expiration of a month after written notice of the intention to commence the suite has been served on the Agency by intending plaintiff or his agent. (4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) of this Section shall clearly state the cause of action, particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief sought.	Retained	
Service of Notice. 28. (1) Any notice or other documents required or authorized to be served on or given to any person for the purposes of those act, may be served or given by delivering it to that person, or by leaving it at his usual or last known place of residence or business or at the address specified by him in notice. Application or other documents made, given or tendered to the agency under this Bill, or by posting it by registered mail to him at that place of residence or business or at that address. (2) Where any of such notice or other document sent by registered mail. Unless the contrary is proved, it shall be deemed to have been delivered to him when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of posting a mail unless	Retained	

the contrary is established and in proving the delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that there is return post office slip showing actual delivery. (3) Where any of any purpose under this Bill, a notice or document is required to be served on a firm or company, the notice or document may be served on the Secretary, Executive Officer, or other officer holding a similar position in the organization and the service unless otherwise directed by the Agency, be deemed to be served on all persons who are members of the organization. (4) Any service of notice or process on the Agency shall be registered post or by personal service on any of the principal officers of the Agency.		
Restriction on execution against property of the agency. 29. (1) In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution or attachment of the process shall be issued against the Agency, unless, not less than three months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Agency (2) Any sum of money, which by the judgment of any court, has been awarded against Agency shall, subject to any direction given by the court, where notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid from the fund of the Agency.	Retained	
Indemnity. 30. A members of the Board Director General or employee of the Agency shall be indemnified out of assets of the Agency against any proceedings brought against him in his capacity as member of the Board, Director-General, officer or employee of the Agency, where the act complained of is not ultra vires his power.	Retained	
Duty of secrecy. 31. (1) A member of the Board or the Director-General or any other officer of the Agency shall: (a) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of this power or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board or as Director-General or officer of the Agency; (b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his Knowledge in the exercise of his power	Retained	

or is obtained by him in the performance of his duties under this Bill; and (c) not disclosed any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this subsection, except when required to do so by court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the board from time to time. (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection(1) of this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to fine of not less than ₦100,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both such fines and imprisonment.		
Interpretation. 32. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires — "Agency" means Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency established by section 1 of this Bill; "Board" means the Governing Board of the Agency established by the section 2 of this Bill; "Chairman" means chairman of the board; "Fund" means the Fund of the Agency established under section 14 of this Bill; "Member" means member of the Board; "Minister" means Minister charged with the responsibility for Science and Technology; "President" means president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.	Retained	
Short title. 33. This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2019.	Retained	
SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENATARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC. <i>[Cap. I92, LFN 1990]</i>		

1. (1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders to regulate its proceedings or those of any of its committees.

(2) The quorum of the Board shall be the two-third of members or 5 members including the chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and the quorum of any of committee of the Agency shall be as determined by the Board.

2. (1) The Board shall meet not less than four times in each year and subject thereto, the Board shall meet whenever its summoned by the chairman and if, the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than four other members, he shall summon a meeting of the board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(2) At any meeting of the Board, the chairman or in his absence, any member duly chosen by the Board shall preside at that meeting.

3. (1) The Board shall meet to conduct business at such places and on such days as the chairman may appoint.

(2) Any question put before the Board at a meeting shall be decided by consensus and where this is not possible, by majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

(3) The chairman shall in the case of an equality of votes, have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

4. Where the Board desires to seek the advice of any person on a particular matter, the board may co-opt the person as a member for such period as it thinks fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the board and shall not count towards the quorum.

Committees

5. (1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Board, such of its functions as the Board may be assigned by the Board.

(2) A Committee appointed under this schedule consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment

(3) Any decision of the Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board

Miscellaneous

6. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Agency shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer or of some other person authorized generally by the Board to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by any person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Agency by the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer or a person specially authorized to act for that purpose by the board.

(3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the Agency shall be received in evidence and shall unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be executed.

(4) The validity of any proceedings of the Board or its committees shall not be adversely affected by:

(a) any vacancy in the membership of the Board or any committee thereof;

(b) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings, or

(c) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or Committee.

7. Any member of the Board and any person holding office on a Committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or a Committee thereof shall:

(a) forthwith disclose his interest to the board or committee, as the case may be; and

(b) not vote on any question relating to the contract or argument.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(The note does not form part of the above Act but is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill seeks among other things to put in place a Legal framework for the continuous growth of Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA), to provide Research, Develop, Promote, Collate, Document and

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preserve Nigeria's indigenous (Traditional) Healthcare Systems, Medications and Non-Medications Healing Arts, Sciences, Technologies, Bio-Resources and facilitate their integration into the National healthcare delivery system.		
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