

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Report on

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE
SURVEYORS' REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF
NIGERIA ACT, CAP. S18, LAWS OF THE
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, AND FOR
OTHER MATTERS (HB545)

10 May 2017

A Bill for an Act to amend the Surveyors' Registration Council of Nigeria Act, CAP. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for other matters (HB545)

1. Background:

The House at plenary debated the general principles of the 'Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Bill' and referred same to the committee on Works for further legislative action.

The long title of the Bill reads '**A Bill for an Act to amend the Surveyors' Registration Council of Nigeria Act, CAP. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for other matters (HB545)**'.

2. Purpose of the Bill:

The intendment of the Bill is to amend the outdated and irrelevant clauses of the Bill in line with current economic trends. The Bill also seeks to update the original Act to meet up with international best practices in the area of Survey.

3. Terms of Reference:

The committee on Works had the mandate to:

- ❖ Make adequate, consultations on the Bill;
- ❖ Call for memoranda on the Bill;
- ❖ Invite relevant stakeholders and hold a public hearing to obtain objective views from them;
- ❖ Consider the inputs from stakeholders vis-a vis the provisions of Bill and make recommendations to obtain, amend or expunge, where necessary, and
- ❖ Report back to the House at plenary.

4. Public Hearing:

The committee met severally and deliberated on the provisions of the Bill. It called for memoranda from various stakeholders. A public hearing on the Bill was held 7th and 8th November 2016. Further contributions and inputs were made.

5. Review of Memoranda:

The committee met on Thursday 4th May 2017 and reviewed submissions from the various relevant stakeholders. It noted that of all recurrent issues raised, a clarion was made for the amendment of section 18(4) to review and increase the fines of offending surveyors or any persons bound by the Act.

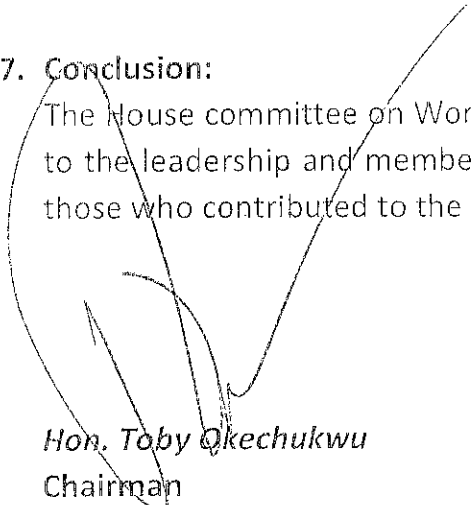
6. Recommendations:

Given the various fiscal challenges of government, all stakeholders who submitted memoranda and made contributions at the public hearing decried the fact that penalties, as stipulated by the existing Act had become obsolete.


Based on the foregoing, the committee resolved and made alterations to clause 3 (section 18 (4a and b)) of the Bill. We therefore urge this Honourable House to examine this clause and pass it speedily.

7. Conclusion:

The House committee on Works expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the leadership and members of the House of Representatives and all those who contributed to the contribution of this assignment.



Hon. Toby Okechukwu
Chairman



Caroline Asan
Clerk to the committee

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORKS ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE SURVEYORS
REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. S18. LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004
TO REVIEW THE PENAL FINES AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 545)**

Provisions of the Principal Act	Provisions of the Bill	Committee's Recommendation	Committee of the Whole Recommendations
	<p style="text-align: center;">Commencement</p> <p>ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Amendment of the Surveyor Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18 LFN, 2004</p> <p>1. The Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S 18, LFN, 2004, (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act.</p>		
<p>3. (6) A person who has ceased to be a member of the Council (except in the manner provided in subsection (3) of this section) shall be eligible for re-appointment.</p>	<p>Amendment of Section 3 of the Principal Act. <i>Qualification and Tenure of Office of Members.</i></p> <p>2. Subsection (6) of section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by Inserting immediately after the word "re-appointment" and before the "full stop", the phrase, "for an additional term of three years and no more".</p>	<p><i>Retained</i></p>	

<p>18. (4) A person guilty of an offence under this Act shall be liable:-</p> <p>(a) On conviction in a magistrate's court, to a fine not exceeding ₦500 and, where the offence is a continuing one, to a further fine not exceeding ₦50 for each day during which the offence continues;</p> <p>(b) On conviction in a High Court, to a fine of not exceeding ₦1,000 or imprisonment for a term of not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment and, where the offence is a continuing one, to a further fine not exceeding ₦100 for each day during which the offence continues</p>	<p>Amendment of Section 18 of the Principal Act. Offences.</p> <p>3. Subsection (4) of section 18 of the Principal Act is amended:</p> <p>(a) in paragraph (a), by:</p> <p>(i) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦500" in line 1, with the phrase "of ₦50,000", and</p> <p>(ii) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦50" in line 2 with the phrase "of ₦2,000";</p> <p>(b) in paragraph (b), by:</p> <p>(i) Substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦1, 000" in line 1 with the phrase "of ₦100, 000. 00", and</p> <p>(ii) Substituting the phrase "not exceeding N 100" in line 3 with the phrase "of ₦5, 000". and</p>	<p>(a) in paragraph (a), by:</p> <p>(i) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦500" in line 1, with the phrase "of ₦200,000", and</p> <p>(ii) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦50" in line 2 with the phrase "of ₦20,000";</p> <p>(i) Substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦1, 000" in line 1 with the phrase "of ₦400, 000. 00", and</p> <p>(ii) Substituting the phrase "not exceeding N 100" in line 3 with the phrase "of ₦40, 000". and</p>	
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Short title</p> <p>4. This Bill may be cited as the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2017</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;">EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</p> <p>This Bill seeks to amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S. 18, Laws of the Federation Nigeria, 2004, to review the penal fines and for related matters</p>		