REPORT OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CREDIT ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 425)

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS	REMARK
Requirement of license for credit management consulting practice **4.** No person shall— (a) establish, operate, or otherwise conduct business as a credit insurance agency, credit factoring company, credit guarantee organization, debt recovery and management agent, credit and business information reference company, credit facility monitoring firm, credit card company, receivables management consulting firm, credit scoring company, micro credit consulting company, credit derivatives consulting company; or (b) hold themselves out to the public as engaging in any credit management services or such activities as may be considered an aspect of or relating to credit management, unless that person has obtained a professional practice license for that purpose from the Institute.	**DELETE**	**Renumber accordingly**
Application for license. **5.** (1) A person who wishes to carryon credit management services as specified in section 4 of this Bill shall apply in writing in the prescribed form to the Institute for a professional practice license. (2) The Institute shall within sixty days of receiving an application for a professional practice license and upon satisfying itself that the applicant has satisfied all pre-conditions including the payment of any fees required for approval, grant the license to the applicant.	**DELETE**	**Renumber accordingly**

(3) The Institute may grant a professional practice license subject to such conditions or restrictions as it thinks fit, and the Institute may at any time by written notice to a credit management firm or credit information firm or credit investigation organization among others, vary any condition or restriction in relation to the license. (4) The license issued by the Institute shall be valid until revoked by the Institute under this Bill. (5) Where the Institute is not satisfied with an application, it may in writing to the applicant, within thirty days after receiving the application: (a) request the applicant to rectify any error in the application or satisfy any pre-condition for the grant of approval, within twenty-one days and grant the approval upon the rectification of the error or satisfaction of the pre-conditions within the specified time; or (b) refuse to grant the approval. Where an application for a license is refused, the Institute shall state the reasons for the refusal, in the notice of the refusal to the applicant.		
Professional practice licensing requirements. **6.** The Institute shall not license a person as a professional credit management practitioner unless that person - (a) has attained the status of at least Member (MICA) of the Institute; (b) is incorporated in Nigeria as a company under the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990 solely for the purpose of carrying on credit management activities; (c) the professional qualification of the Institute such as Member of the Institute of Credit Administration (MICA) of Fellow of the Institute of Credit Administration (FICA)	**DELETE**	**Renumber accordingly**

shall be part of requirements by the Corporate Affairs Commission for the incorporation of any company whose business activities are directly or indirectly involved in all aspects of credit management and credit services including credit monitoring, risk mitigation, credit facilitation, credit protection, credit enhancement, credit default repair, credit purchase stimulation, credit card issuance, receivables management, credit derivatives and guarantees. (d) has, in the opinion of the Institute, sufficient human, financial and operational resources to enable it perform its functions efficiently in terms of this Bill or presents to the Institute, a credible plan to acquire or develop those resources; (e) submits a satisfactory business plan to the Institute, including plans to adopt mechanisms to gather, input, integrate, update, validate, ensure efficiency in its services: and provide security for data; and (f) presents to the Institute, a credible plan to develop and adopt procedures to ensure that questions, concerns and complaints are treated equitably and consistently in a timely, efficient and courteous manner.		