

No. 22: Consequential Amendment on Civil Defence

**A Bill
For**

An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the establishment and core functions of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps

SECTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION	PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION	PROVISION OF THE BILL	REMARKS
		<p>ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria -</p>	
		<p>Alteration of the Constitution 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out in this Bill.</p>	
		<p>Insertion of new heading DA- Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps</p> <p>1. Insert, after section 213 of the Principal Act, a new heading “AA”-</p> <p><i>“AA- National Security and Civil Defence Corps</i></p> <p>Establishment of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps</p> <p>213A (1) There shall be a Civil Defence Corps for Nigeria which shall be known as the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps.</p> <p>(2) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Civil Defence Corps shall be responsible for-</p>	

		<p>(a) the management of natural and man-made disasters, search, rescue and recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration of displaced persons and to help them recover from the immediate effects of hostilities or disasters and provide the conditions necessary for their survival; and</p> <p>(b) the protection of critical national assets which shall not be limited to oil industry infrastructure, railways, solid mineral minefields, telecommunication infrastructure, power infrastructure, hydrological infrastructure, nuclear infrastructure, cattle ranches, but critical national assets as may be strategically declared by an Act of the National Assembly.</p> <p>(3) The Civil Defence Corps shall-</p> <p>(a) regulate Private Guard Companies as an industry regulator;</p> <p>(b) register, monitor, supervise, sanction, deregister and determine the operational guidelines of private guard companies all over Nigeria as the nation strives to establish it as a viable tier of security;</p> <p>(c) bear arms to enable it perform all or part of its functions; and</p>	
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		<p>(d) train, regulate, supervise, oversee and support the activities of vigilante groups, neighborhood security organisations or agencies, and any other such groups, agencies or organizations with a paramilitary character enacted by an Act of a State Assembly for the purpose of enhancing the security of any state of the federation.</p> <p>Appointment of Commandant-General</p> <p>213B. There shall be Commandant-General for the Civil Defence Corps who shall be appointed by the President from its officer cadre to administer and manage the Corps in a manner prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly”.</p>	
		<p>Citation</p> <p>3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 22, 2017.</p>	
		<p>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</p> <p>This Bill seeks to reflect the establishment and core functions of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps which is a consequential amendment as a result of including the national security and civil defence as an item in the Exclusive Legislative List under the Second Schedule to the Constitution.</p>	