

# A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION ACT, CAP F19 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO REDUCE ROAD ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES BY MANDATING THE USE OF CHILD RESTRAINTS IN VEHICLES AND A RESTING PERIOD FOR DRIVERS COVERING LONG DISTANCES

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[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 The Federal Road Safety Corps Act 2004 (here after called the Principal Act)  
2 is amended as follows:

3 1. Section 11 is amended by adding a new Provision as sub section  
4 12 thus:

Amendment of  
Section 11

5 (a) All auto mobiles where children of three years and below are to  
6 be carried as passengers whether Private or commercial must have Baby  
7 seats where such children must be properly strapped in;

8 (b) Driving with children of 3 years without baby seats is an  
9 offence punishable with a fine not exceeding N50,000 or imprisonment not  
10 exceeding one year;

11 (c) No motorist (whether vehicle owner or someone using the  
12 vehicle of another) shall leave children of 8 years or below without an adult  
13 in a car;

14 (d) Doing the act in C amounts to an offence and on conviction  
15 liable to a fine not exceeding N50, 000 or imprisonment not exceeding one  
16 year.

17 2. The Principal is hereby amended in section 11 by adding a new  
18 Sub Section 13 thus:

Amendment of  
Section 11

1 “Driver of a motor vehicle who is not accompanied by another driver, shall stop  
2 to rest after driving for a continuous period of 4 hours or 300 kilometers must  
3 rest for a minimum period of 15 minutes. He/she must also rest for a minimum  
4 period of 9 hours within 24 hours”.

5 Provided that the Federal Road Safety Commission shall ensure that it procures  
6 facilities to determine compliance with the Law, provide Resting areas,  
7 Recreational facilities and parking space for vehicles.

8 Non-compliance is an offence punishable in Section 11(12)(d).

Interpretation

9 3. BABY SEAT is a removable car seat containing straps or belt with  
10 which a Baby of 3 years or below can be conveniently strapped to the car seat in  
11 a vehicle.

Citation

12 4. This Bill may be called the Federal Road Safety (Amendment)  
13 Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to criminalize Lack of Provision of Baby seats, and resting by  
drivers after driving for long distances.