

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER SECTION 33 WHICH PROVIDES FOR RIGHT TO LIFE IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO INSERT A NEW SUBSECTION TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF AN UNBORN CHILD WHERE THE MOTHER IS SENTENCED TO DEATH AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Babajimi Benson

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999
2 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Principal Act') is altered in Section 33by
3 inserting two new sub-sections after sub-section (1) thereof-

Alteration of
Section 33 of the
Constitution

4 "(1A) Where a woman who is pregnant is sentenced to death, the
5 execution of the sentence should be delayed until a reasonable time after she
6 delivers the baby.

7 (1B) Where a baby is born when the mother is sentenced to death,
8 they should both be discharged from the hospital directly to a mother and
9 baby unit, until such a time when the court deems it reasonable to execute the
10 death sentence or take any other action deemed necessary by such court.

11 **2.** The Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal
12 Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter Section 33 which provides for right to life in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to insert two new subsections to protect the life of an unborn child where the mother is sentenced to death. Also, it protects the right to life of an unborn child.