

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 AND INSERT A NEW SUBSECTION WHICH PROVIDES THAT IF A WOMAN WHO IS PREGNANT IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY DEATH, THE COURT SHALL SENTENCE HER TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT INSTEAD OF DEATH SENTENCE 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 33 by
3 inserting a new subsections after subsection (1) thereof-

Alteration of
Section 33 of the
Constitution

4 “(1A) Where a pregnant woman is convicted of an offence
5 punishable by death and if it is proved to the satisfaction of the court that she
6 is pregnant, the court shall sentence her to life imprisonment instead of death
7 sentence”

8 **2.** The Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal
9 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 a subsection which provides that if a woman who is pregnant is convicted of an offence punishable by death, the court shall sentence her to life imprisonment instead of death sentence.