

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO INSERT A NEW ITEM IN THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST WHICH EMPOWERS THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO DECLARE BY AN ACT INDUSTRIES NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFENSE OR FOR THE PROSECUTION OF WAR TO ENSURE THAT CRITICAL RESOURCES ARE READILY AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE DURING EMERGENCIES 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 Part 1, Second
- 3 Schedule, by inserting, after Item 39 thereof, the following new Item-
- 4 "39A. Industries declared by an Act of the National Assembly to be
- 5 necessary for the purpose of defense or for the Prosecution of war"
- 6 **2.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal
- 7 Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024.

Insertion of a new Item into Part 1, Second Schedule to the Constitution, 1999

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to insert a new provision in the Exclusive Legislative List to empower the National Assembly to declare by an Act Industries necessary for the purpose of defense or for the prosecution of war.

The intendment behind this power is to ensure that critical resources are readily available for national security and defense during emergencies.