

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS ACT, CAP. M8, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO INCREASE PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, AND DENTISTRY IN ORDER TO CURB QUACKERY IN THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Paul Ekpo Asuquo*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The Medical and Dental Practitioners Act, Cap. M8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of Cap. M8, LFN, 2004
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- 4           **2.** Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended- Amendment of Section 17
- 5           (a) in subsection (1 )(a), by deleting the words, "for or in expectation of reward,";
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- 7           (b) in subsection (2)(a), by deleting the words, "for or in expectation of reward,";
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- 9           (c) by substituting for subsection (5), a new subsection "(5)"
- 10           "(5) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable on conviction to-
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- 12           (a) in the case of offence under subsections (1)(a) and (2)(a) of this section, imprisonment for a term of at least 10 years, or a death penalty, where death results from the commission of the act; and
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- 14           (b) in the case of an offence under subsections (1)(b), (1)(c), (2)(b), (2)(c), (3) and (4), a fine of at least N300,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least 5 years or both such fine and imprisonment."
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Citation            1                    3. This Bill may be cited as the Medical and Dental Practitioners  
2                    (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act, Cap. M8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase penalty for unauthorized practice of medicine and surgery, and dentistry in order to curb quackery in the medical and dental profession.