

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIA POLICE ACT, 2020 TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMAL RECOGNITION, REGULATION AND INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY POLICING AND INFORMAL SECURITY ACTORS WITHIN THE NATIONAL POLICING FRAMEWORK; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after
2 subsection (i), new paragraphs (j) to (l) as follows: Amendment of
Section 4

3 "(j) promote, support and coordinate community-based policing
4 initiatives, including informal policing actors and traditional security
5 structures in accordance with prescribed regulations;

6 (k) maintain a national registry and monitoring framework for
7 accredited community policing actors and structures;

8 (l) collaborate with community, religious, and traditional
9 institutions in integrating indigenous and non-violent crime prevention
10 practices."

11 **2.** Section 6(3) is amended by inserting new paragraphs (e) and (f) Amendment of
Section 6
12 as follows-

13 "(e) develop and approve national policy frameworks on
14 community policing and informal security partnership;

15 (f) ensure inter-governmental collaboration in funding,
16 monitoring, and supervising community policing activities across States
17 and Local Governments."

18 **3.** Section 9(1) is amended by inserting new paragraphs (g) and (h) Amendment of
Section 9
19 as follows-

1 (g) ensure the development and implementation of community
2 policing strategies that incorporate local security structures under regulated
3 partnerships.

4 (f) make regulations for the accreditation, monitoring, training, and
5 cooperation of informal policing actors within the framework of community
6 policing."

Amendment of
Section 113

7 **4.** Section 113 is amended as follows:

8 (a) substitute the heading with: "113. Establishment and Integration
9 of Community Policing Frameworks and Informal Security Structures"

10 (b) in subsection (1), insert after "community policing" the phrase:
11 "and the integration of informal, traditional, and neighborhood-based security
12 actors duly accredited under this Bill."

Insertion of new
section 119A-
119E

13 **5.** Insertion of new sections "119A" - "119E" after section 119

14 "119A. National Code of Conduct for Informal Security Actors

15 (1) The Inspector-General of Police shall, with the approval of the
16 Police Council, develop and publish a Code of Conduct for all accredited
17 informal security structures engaged in community policing activities.

18 (2) The Code shall include provisions relating to lawful conduct,
19 respect for human rights, cooperation with formal police units, dispute
20 resolution, and accountability mechanisms.

21 (3) Any violation of the Code shall render the group or individual
22 liable to suspension or revocation of accreditation.

23 119B. National Register of Community Policing and Informal
24 Security Actors

25 (1) There shall be a centralized electronic database to be known as the
26 National Register of Community Policing and Informal Security Structures,
27 maintained by the Nigeria Police Force.

28 (2) The register shall contain names, locations, scope of operation,
29 leadership structure, and record of activities of all recognized groups.

30 (3) Registration shall be a condition for formal cooperation,

1 recognition, and access to any form of government support.

2 119C. Prohibition of Firearms

3 (1) Informal or traditional security groups shall not be authorized
4 to bear or use firearms or lethal weapons, except as expressly permitted
5 under a license issued under the Firearms Act or any other applicable law.

6 (2) Breach of this provision shall constitute an offence and attract
7 penalties as prescribed by law.

8 119D. Community Policing Development Fund

9 (1) There is established a Community Policing Development
10 Complementary Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund") to provide
11 financial support to eligible community policing initiatives.

12 (2) The Fund shall consist of:

13 (a) Budgetary allocations from Federal and State Governments;

14 (b) Grants and donations from approved sources;

15 (c) Fines and forfeitures as may be prescribed by law.

16 (3) Disbursement from the Fund shall be subject to transparent
17 criteria, including performance, compliance, and community needs
18 assessment.

19 119E. Department of Traditional and Indigenous Policing
20 Strategies

21 (1) The Inspector-General of Police shall establish a dedicated
22 department within the Force Headquarters to be known as the Department of
23 Traditional and Indigenous Policing Strategies.

24 (2) The Department shall:

25 (a) Research and document traditional crime prevention and
26 justice systems;

27 (b) Coordinate with traditional rulers and institutions on
28 integrating such strategies into formal security policy;

29 (c) Serve as liaison between the Force and accredited informal
30 security actors.

Citation 1 **6.**This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Police (Amendment) Bill,
 2 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigeria Police Act, 2020 to accommodate and formalize community policing and informal security actors. It provides for accreditation, a code of conduct, prohibition of firearms, creation of a national registry, financial support mechanisms, and institutional integration of traditional policing strategies within the Nigeria Police framework.