

	1	to which Nigeria is a party.
	2	(2) Any breach of this duty shall constitute misconduct and be subject
	3	to disciplinary and criminal proceedings.
New Section 6B- Use of Force and Detention Protocols	4	3. 6B. (1) Police use of force must be lawful, proportionate, necessary,
	5	and a last resort.
	6	(2) Arbitrary arrest, prolonged detention without trial, or torture of
	7	suspects is prohibited and punishable under this Act.
	8	PART III - PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TRAINING
Section 18 - Substitution for Modernized Training Standards	9	4. Substitute Section 18 with the following:
	10	18. (1) The Nigeria Police Force shall develop and adopt a National
	11	Policing Curriculum that includes mandatory modules on:
	12	(a) Constitutional rights and civil liberties;
	13	(b) Community policing and de-escalation;
	14	(c) Cybercrime and digital investigations;
	15	(d) Gender sensitivity and juvenile protection;
	16	(e) Ethics, anti-corruption, and professional conduct.
	17	(2) All recruits and serving officers shall undergo continuous
	18	professional education.
	19	PART IV - ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT
New Section 32A- Internal Oversight and Complaints Mechanism	20	5. 32A. (1) There shall be established in each state a Police Internal
	21	Review and Complaints Unit (PIRCU), to investigate allegations of abuse,
	22	misconduct, or corruption.
	23	(2) The PIRCU shall operate with independence, transparency, and
	24	report quarterly to the Police Service Commission and the National Assembly.
Amendment to Section 66 - Definitions	25	6. In Section 66, insert the following:
	26	"Human rights violation" includes torture, unlawful arrest, detention beyond
	27	constitutional limits, extrajudicial killing, and denial of access to legal
	28	representation;
	29	"Professional misconduct" includes abuse of office, bribery, dereliction of
	30	duty, and any act contrary to the Code of Conduct for Police Officers;

1 7. This Bill may be cited as the Police (Human Rights and Citation
2 Accountability) Amendment Bill, 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Police Act to establish clear, enforceable human rights obligations for police officers, introduce modern training standards, and enhance internal oversight and accountability in line with democratic policing principles and 21st-century realities.