

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO REPEAL ALL EXISTING LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT RESTRICT THE IMMEDIATE TREATMENT OF ACCIDENT OR EMERGENCY VICTIMS WITHOUT PRIOR POLICE REPORTS OR CLEARANCE, AND TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OR DELAY, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1                                   PART I - OBJECTIVES OF THE ACT
- 2                   **1.** The objectives of this Act are to:
- 3                   (a) Guarantee the right of all persons to immediate emergency
- 4                   medical care regardless of the circumstances of injury or the availability of a
- 5                   police report;
- 6                   (b) Repeal all existing statutory or administrative barriers to the
- 7                   treatment of accident victims in Nigeria;
- 8                   (c) Protect medical professionals and institutions from legal
- 9                   liability when providing emergency care in good faith;
- 10                  (d) Promote public health and save lives by eliminating delay in the
- 11                  treatment of accident and emergency victims.

Objectives of the Act

	1	PART II - RIGHT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT
Right to Emergency Care	2	<b>2.</b> -(1) Every person within the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall have
	3	the right to receive emergency medical care without delay, discrimination, or
	4	precondition.
	5	(2) No hospital, clinic, or healthcare worker shall refuse or delay
	6	emergency treatment to a victim of accident, trauma, or other life-threatening
	7	conditions on the grounds that a police report or other official documentation
	8	has not been provided.
Duty to provide Care	9	<b>3.</b> -(1) All registered hospitals, clinics, and medical personnel are
	10	under a duty to provide prompt emergency treatment to any person in need.
	11	(2) A refusal to render such care shall constitute professional
	12	misconduct and may be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal penalties as
	13	prescribed by relevant authorities.
	14	PART III - PROTECTION FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
Protection from Liability	15	<b>4.</b> No doctor, nurse, paramedic, or hospital acting in good faith to
	16	provide emergency medical care shall be held liable in civil or criminal
	17	proceedings on the grounds of failure to obtain a police report or other official
	18	clearance prior to treatment.
	19	PART IV - REPEAL AND SAVINGS
Repeal of Obnoxious Provisions	20	<b>5.</b> -(1) Any existing law, regulation, policy, or administrative
	21	directive-whether federal, state, or local-that mandates or implies that accident
	22	victims cannot be treated without a police report is hereby repealed.
	23	(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), any
	24	provision under:
	25	(a) The Criminal Code Act,
	26	(b) The Penal Code,
	27	(c) The Police Act,
	28	(d) Or any guideline issued by law enforcement or health regulatory
	29	agencies, which conflicts with the provisions of this Act, is null and void to the
	30	extent of such inconsistency.

