The following Bill, which will in due course be presented to the House of Representatives for enactment, is published for general information.

A BILL

FOR

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION ORDINANCE

(CHAPTER 206).

Commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigéria as Enactment.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Shipping and Navigation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959, and shall be of Federal application.

Short title and application. Amendment

of section 51. Cap. 206. 2. Section 51 of the Shipping and Navigation Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance) is amended by the substitution of a colon for the full-stop at the end thereof and the insertion thereafter of the following—

"Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent regulations made under this Part from referring to the provisions of any regulation made under Part IV for the purpose of applying those provisions to fishing boats, and any such provisions expressed by any regulation made under this Part to be applicable to fishing boats shall be applicable to fishing boats accordingly,"

Amendment of section 52. 3. Section 52 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the insertion in paragraph (d) after the word "charge" of the following:

"and other members of the crew".

Objects and Reasons

Part VII of the Shipping and Navigation Ordinance provides for the control of fishing boats by means of regulations. It is envisaged that regulations made under that Part will for convenience refer to and apply a number of regulations made under Part IV (Steam Vessels Survey).

- 2. It is doubtful whether at present regulations made under Part IV can properly be made applicable to fishing boats in view of section 51 which provides that Part IV shall not apply to such boats. Clause 2 amends that section so as to remove this doubt.
- 3. Clause 3 amends section 52 to permit regulations to be made providing for the examination of and issue of certificates of competency to all members of the crew of fishing boats, and not only in respect of persons in charge as at present.

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