

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 TO VALIDATE ALL ACTS OF THE LAGOS TOWN COUNCIL AS A LICENSING AUTHORITY UNDER, AND TO APPLY TO LAGOS THE PROVISIONS OF, THE NATIVE LIQUOR (TOWNSHIPS AND CERTAIN AREAS) ORDINANCE SINCE 15TH OCTOBER, 1950.

Title.

Commence-  
ment.

WHEREAS the Townships Ordinance ceased to apply to Lagos on the 15th day of October, 1950, and consequently the Lagos Town Council ceased on that date to be a licensing authority under the provisions of the Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) Ordinance :

AND WHEREAS the Lagos Town Council has since that date purported to carry out the functions of a licensing authority in respect of native liquor, although the said Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) Ordinance has not been applied to Lagos since that date :

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that all acts of the Lagos Town Council in purported exercise of the functions of a licensing authority as aforesaid shall be made valid :

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to apply the said Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) Ordinance to Lagos with effect from the 15th day of October, 1950 :

Enactment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

Short title  
and  
application.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) (Validation) Ordinance, 1960, and shall apply in respect of the Federal Territory of Lagos.

Validation  
of certain  
acts of the  
Lagos Town  
Council as  
licensing  
authority  
in respect  
of native  
liquor.  
Cap. 145.

2. For the avoidance of doubts as to the validity of acts of the Lagos Town Council in purported exercise of the functions of a licensing authority in respect of native liquor under the Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) Ordinance in Lagos between the 15th day of October, 1950, and the coming into operation of this Ordinance, all such acts are hereby declared valid and shall have effect as if the Lagos Town Council was the proper licensing authority appointed under that Ordinance.

Validation  
of licences,  
receipts,  
entries in  
books, etc.

3. For the avoidance of doubts as to the validity of licences, receipts and other documents issued, and entries in books, ledgers and other documents made, for and on behalf of the Lagos Town Council in purported exercise of the functions of a licensing authority as aforesaid, between the 15th day of October, 1950, and the coming into operation of this Ordinance, all such licences, receipts and other documents are hereby declared valid and shall have effect as if the Lagos Town Council was the proper licensing authority as aforesaid to issue or make the same.

Application  
of Ordinance  
to  
Lagos.  
Cap. 145.

4. The Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) Ordinance shall be deemed to apply to Lagos and to have so applied since the 15th of October, 1950, as though Lagos were a township and the Lagos Town Council a local authority.

#### *Objects and Reasons*

The object of the Bill is to validate all acts of the Lagos Town Council in purported exercise of the functions of a licensing authority under the Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) Ordinance since the 15th day of October, 1950, when the Townships Ordinance ceased to apply to Lagos. The Bill also provides for the application to Lagos of the Native Liquor (Townships and Certain Areas) Ordinance with effect from the 15th day of October, 1950.

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