

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 AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE ORDINANCE.

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Criminal Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 1960, and shall be of Federal application.

Title.

Commence-
ment.

Enactment.

Short title
and
application.

Amendment
of heading
to Chapter
XVI.

2. The Schedule to the Criminal Code Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the Criminal Code) is amended by the deletion from the heading to Chapter XVI of the words "the Coin" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"Currency".

Amendment
of section
146.

3. Section 146 of the Criminal Code is amended by the insertion in the definition of "nickel coin" and in the definition of "silver coin" after the words "by virtue of" of the following—

"any Ordinance or"

Deletion
of ref. to
Chapter
XVIA.

4. The Criminal Code is amended by the deletion of the words "CHAPTER XVIA.—Offences relating to Currency Notes" appearing immediately before section 160A

Addition
of new
section
160B.

5. The Criminal Code is amended by the addition immediately after section 160A of the following new section—

"Portrayal
of Nigerian
notes and
coins.

160B. Any person who, without the written permission of the Minister of the Federation charged with responsibility for matters relating to finance, makes or sells, or exposes or offers for sale, or uses for the purpose of advertising any material or document on or in which is portrayed a note or coin in any way resembling a currency note, bank note or coin current in Nigeria is guilty of a misdemeanour, and is liable to imprisonment for one year, or to a fine of one hundred pounds".

Objects and Reasons

This Bill seeks to amend the provisions of the Criminal Code relating to currency in two respects as follows—

(i) To include in the definition of "nickel coin" and "silver coin" in section 146 a reference to coins current in Nigeria by virtue of any Ordinance, in addition to those current in Nigeria by virtue of the West African Coinage Order, 1938, thus taking account of coins issued by the Central Bank under the Central Bank of Nigeria Ordinance, 1958 (clause 3).

(ii) To add a new section 160B to make it an offence to make or sell or use for advertisement purposes any material or document which portrays a Nigerian currency or bank note or coin without the permission of the Minister of Finance (clauses 2, 4 and 5).