

The following Bill, which will in due course be presented to Parliament for enactment, is published for general information.

## WATER RATES RECOVERY (GOVERNMENT TENANTS)

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make better provision for the recovery of water rates levied on property in the Federal territory and occupied by persons in the employ of the Government, and for payment into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of moneys collected.

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### ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

#### *Clause*

1. Short title, etc.
2. Interpretation.
3. Power to recover water rates imposed on certain tenements.
4. Recovery of certain outstanding water rates.
5. Payment to Consolidated Revenue Fund.
6. Regulations.

(Bills 760)

## A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE RECOVERY OF WATER RATES IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN TENEMENTS.

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Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the Water Rates Recovery (Government Tenants) Act, 1961, and shall apply to the Federal territory. Short title,  
etc.
2. In this Act, references to "tenancy" and cognate expressions include references to any subtenancy. Interpreta-  
tion.
- 10 3. (1) Notwithstanding any other Act or rule of law, there shall be implied in every tenancy of property owned or occupied by the Govern-  
ment of the Federation and let or sublet before or after the passing of  
this Act to tenants who are persons in the employ of the Government  
of the Federation, a condition that no water rates other than those  
imposed by the Government of the Federation shall be collected;  
15 and the water rates shall be a charge against the salary or wages of the  
tenant and be recoverable by deduction therefrom at intervals not  
exceeding one month. Power to  
recover water  
rates  
imposed on  
certain  
tenements.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to impose  
liability on a tenant to whom this Act applies in respect of water rates  
for any period of occupation by a person other than the tenant.
- 20 4. Where at the commencement of this Act arrears of water rates  
however imposed are owing and unpaid by the tenant, the provisions  
of this Act shall apply and the arrears shall be a debt due to the Govern-  
ment of the Federation and be recoverable without action by deductions  
from the salary or wages of the tenant made over a period of not more  
25 than three months, any Act or rule of law to the contrary notwithstanding.
5. Moneys collected under this Act shall be paid into the Consoli-  
dated Revenue Fund. Recovery of  
certain  
outstanding  
water rates.
6. (1) The Minister responsible for Works and Surveys may from  
time to time make regulations prescribing water rates for the purposes  
of this Act. Payment to  
Consolidated  
Revenue  
Fund.
- 30 (2) Regulations made under this Act may revoke regulations under  
the Waterworks Ordinance where they are inconsistent with this Act. Regulations.  
  
Cap. 213.