

# CHAPTER K50 - KWARA STATE STREET BEGGING (PROHIBITION) LAW

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A Law to prohibit street begging.

[No. 7 of 2006.]

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### 1. Prohibition of street begging

As from the commencement of this Law the act of street begging is hereby prohibited.

### 2. Offence of street begging

Any person who wanders about or places himself in any street or public place within the State to ask, beg for or gather alms from any person is guilty of an offence.

### 3. Aiding and abetting of street begging

Any person who causes, encourages, instigates, intentionally aids or facilitates, by any act or omission, another person to engage in street begging commits an offence.

#### **4. Penalty**

Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Law is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding N5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

#### **5. Power of arrest**

(1) The following persons shall have power to arrest offenders under this Law—

- (a) members of the Police Force; and
- (b) members of the Public.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Law may be arrested without a warrant and taken without delay to the nearest police station where he may be granted bail until he is brought before an Area Court or a Magistrate Court for trial.

#### **6. Jurisdiction**

An Area Court or a Magistrate Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine cases arising under this Law and to impose the punishments specified hereto.

#### **7. Interpretation**

In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

**"alms"** means money, food, clothes or other material things;

**"street begging"** means to ask a person for alms in the street or public place.

#### **8. Citation**

This Law may be cited as the Kwara State Street Begging (Prohibition) Law, 2006.

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