

**2015 - ADAMAWA STATE HEALTH PRACTITIONERS COMMITMENT BOND LAW**

**BILL NO. 5 OF 2015**

**ADAMAWA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**A BILL**

**FOR**

**A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A COMMITMENT BOND BETWEEN THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND SPONSORED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO.**

Date of Commencement ( )

BE IT ENACTED by the Adamawa State House of Assembly of Nigeria and by the authority of the same as follows:-

Short title and Commencement

1. This Law may be cited as Adamawa State Health Practitioners Commitment Bond Law and shall come into operation on .....day of.....2015.

Interpretation

2. In this Law unless the context otherwise required:-  
“Government” means Adamawa State Government;  
“Health Practitioner” includes Medical Doctors, Pharmacist, Laboratory Technicians, Nurses and Midwives, and any other person in the medical field sponsored by the State Government;  
“State” means Adamawa State of Nigeria.

Commitment Bond

3. (1) All aspiring Medical Practitioners who benefitted from State Government sponsorship shall after the completion of the course of study serve the State for a minimum period of five (5) years.

	(2) Aspiring Medical Practitioners shall sign a commitment bond to work for the State for a period of five years after graduation and national service.
Entitlements under service Bond	4. A Medical Practitioner under the service Bond shall be entitle to all benefits accruing to his colleagues who are not under the service bond.
Discharge of Bond	5. (1) The Commitment Bond shall only be discharge by mutual agreement between the State and the Medical Practitioner involve before the expiration of the five year term. (2) Notwithstanding the provision of sub-section (1) of this Section, in the event the State is unable to employ the sponsored candidate for what ever reason, the State may at its discretion discharge the candidate from his Bond period and all other liabilities associated with the sponsorship.
Commencement of the Bond	6. The Bond period shall commence from the date of employment of the sponsored candidate after his completion of the course and national service.
Offences	7. (1) Any sponsored candidate who after graduation failed to serve the bond period as required by this Law commits an offence, and shall be liable upon conviction for a term of Three (3) years imprisonment or fine of N500,000.00. (2) In addition to Sub-section (1) such a candidate shall be made to refund to the State as liquidated damages equivalent of his bond, including any salary or allowances paid to the sponsored candidate.
Allowances of Medical Students	8. Any medical student under the sponsorship of the State Government by virtue of this Law shall be entitled to be paid such allowances not less than the entitlement of a person under GL 07 in the State Civil Service.

