

2015 - ADAMAWA STATE UNCLASSIFIED (LOCAL SUBSTANCES) ABUSE LAW

BILL NO. 2 OF 2015

ADAMAWA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

**A BILL
FOR**

**A LAW TO PROHIBIT THE ABUSE OF UNCLASSIFIED LOCAL
SUBSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL
THERE TO**

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 the Adamawa State Unclassified (Local Substances) Abuse Law and shall come into operation onday of2015.

Interpretation

2. In this Law unless the context otherwise requires:-
“Abuse” means the use of unclassified local substance in whatever form other than its normal and approved usage or the sustained or sporadic excessive use of substance;
“State” means Adamawa State of Nigeria;
“Substance” means any substance not classified as a drug;
“Officer” means Police Officer or Officer of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency.

Prohibition of
the abuse of
local substances

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any unclassified substance listed in the schedule to this Law in such a manner contrary to its normal and approved usage or in such a manner capable of endangering the health of such a user.

Offence of
abuse of
local substances

4. Whosoever uses any of the local substances listed under the scheduled to this Law commits an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to five years imprisonment without an option of fine.

Aiding and
abetting the
abuse of local
substance

5. (1) Whoever does or omit to do anything for the purpose of enabling another person to commit the offence or aid, procure or caused another person to commit the offence, commits an offence.

(2) Any person convicted for aiding, procuring and /or counseling another person to commit an offence under this Law shall be liable on conviction to two (2) years imprisonment or fine of N100, 000.00.

Power to
arrest, search

6. (1) For the purpose of enforcing the provision of this Law, an officer of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency or any other law enforcement officer shall have power to:-

- (a) to arrest offenders under this Law;
- (b) without warrant, enter and conduct search in any land, building or carrier which he reasonably believe is connected with the commission of an offence under this Law;
- (c) perform test and take sample of any substance believe to be connected to the offence committed.

(2) The Officer shall have the power to prosecute any offender under this Law.

(3) The Agency shall be responsible for public enlightenment on the dangers of unclassified substance under the schedule to this Law.

Conspiracy

7. Any person who conspired by whatever means to commit an offence under this Law shall be liable upon conviction to a sentence of two (2) years imprisonment.

Jurisdiction

8. The High Court of a State shall have jurisdiction to try offenders under this Law.

Supply of
local substance
for abuse

9. Any person who knows or have any reason to believed that the person to whom he supplies with local substance(s) is abusing the use of such substance and supplies such a person with such substance commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a sentence of five (5) years imprisonment and forfeiture of the goods.

Establishment
of Treatment and
Rehabilitation
Center

10. (1) There shall be established for the State a treatment and rehabilitation center where convicts/ victims under this Law shall be referred to, for treatment and rehabilitation.

(2) The State Government shall provide financial assistance to law enforcement agencies in the State to implement the provisions of this Law.

SCHEDULE **(SECTIONS 3 and 4)**

1. Formaldehydra a.k.a Madaran Sukurdye
2. Rubber Solution
3. Super glue
4. Cigarette lighter fluid or any fluid
5. Deodorant
6. Nail polish remover
7. Paint thinner
8. Spray paint
9. Goskolo fluid
10. Charcoal
11. Shinsha flavours
12. Tobacco product of any kind
13. Local alcoholic drink of any kind
14. Kerosene
15. Petrol fumes
16. Lizard dung
17. Cutter discharging/suck away fumes, and
18. Any other local substance which the Officer believes has been abuse and such is capable of affecting the health of the abuser negatively.

