

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DEVELOPMENT, DEPLOYMENT, AND USE OF
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Akin Rotimi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria-

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- 1.-(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the

National Artificial Intelligence Regulatory Authority (referred to in this bill

as NAIRA).

(2) NAIRA shall be responsible for the oversight, regulation, and

facilitation of AI technologies in Nigeria.

2. -(1) To promote the development and use of AI in a manner that

is ethical, safe, and inclusive.

(2) To ensure that AI technologies respect the rights and freedoms

of individuals.

(3) To foster innovation and economic growth through the

responsible use of AI.

(4) To collaborate with international bodies on AI standards and

practices.

3.-(1) NAIRA shall develop and enforce regulations and

guidelines for the development, deployment, and use of AI systems.

(2) NAIRA shall conduct risk assessments and audits of AI systems

to ensure compliance with ethical and safety standards.

(3) NAIRA shall promote public awareness and education on AI

technologies and their implications.

(4) NAIRA shall establish mechanisms for the redress of

grievances related to AI systems.
- Establishment

of the National

Artificial

Intelligence

Regulatory

Authority

Objectives of

NAIRA

Functions and

Powers of NAIRA

Ethical and Safety Standards	1	4.-(1) All AI systems deployed in Nigeria shall comply with the
	2	ethical guidelines issued by NAIRA.
	3	(2) AI developers and deployers shall ensure that their systems are
	4	transparent, accountable, and respect user privacy.
	5	(3) AI systems shall be subject to regular audits and assessments to
	6	mitigate risks and ensure compliance with ethical standards.
Data Privacy and Protection	7	5.-(1) AI systems must adhere to data privacy laws and regulations to
	8	protect user data.
	9	(2) Data used in AI systems must be anonymized and secured to
	10	prevent unauthorized access and misuse.
Promotion of Innovation and Research	11	6.-(1) NAIRA shall support research and development in AI by
	12	providing grants, scholarships, and incentives.
	13	(2) Collaboration between academia, industry, and government shall
	14	be encouraged to advance AI research and innovation.
Offences and Penalties	15	7.-(1) Any person or entity that contravenes the provisions of this Act
	16	shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by NAIRA.
	17	(2) Penalties may include fines, suspension of operations, or other
	18	measures deemed appropriate by NAIRA.
Miscellaneous Provisions	19	8.-(1) The Minister may make regulations for the effective
	20	implementation of this Act.
	21	(2) This Act shall come into force on the date it is signed into law by
	22	the President.
Repeal and Savings	23	9. -(1) Any law or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby
	24	repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.
	25	(2) Notwithstanding the repeal, actions taken under the repealed
	26	provisions shall remain valid.
Interpretation	27	10. In this Act:
	28	(1) "Artificial Intelligence (AI)": The simulation of human
	29	intelligence in machines that are programmed to think and learn;
	30	(2) "Artificial Intelligence System": Any system that uses AI

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- techniques to perform tasks that would typically require human intelligence;
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- (3) "Ethical Guidelines": Principles designed to ensure the ethical
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- development and use of AI, including fairness, accountability,
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- transparency, and privacy.
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- (4) "Regulatory Authority": The body established under this Act to
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- oversee the implementation and enforcement of AI regulations.
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11. This Bill may be cited as the Artificial Intelligence Bill of Short title
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- Nigeria, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish a regulatory framework for the development, deployment, and use of Artificial Intelligence in Nigeria. It aims to ensure that AI technologies are developed and used in a manner that is ethical, safe, and promotes economic growth while protecting the rights and freedoms of individuals.