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**Law No. (11) of 2018 amending Some Provisions of Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1986 regarding the Regulation of Tourism**

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1986 regarding the Regulation of Tourism as amended;

The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives have approved the following law, which we have ratified and enacted:

**Article One**

Texts of Articles (2 ,11 bis) of the Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1986 regarding the Regulation of Tourism shall be replaced with the following texts:

**Article (2):**

The tourist services may not be provided without a licence issued by the Authority. The terms and conditions of the licence and its renewal are laid down by Decision of the Minister.

**Article (11 bis):**

Anyone who violates the provisions of Articles (2, 3, 4) of this Law or the Decisions implementing its provisions will be punished by imprisonment for a maximum of six months and a minimum fine of ten thousand dinars and a maximum fine of fifty thousand dinars, or one of these two penalties. The court may either close or remove the establishment.

Anyone who violates the provisions of Article (2) relating to tourist services which are not subject to hotel service charges will be punished by imprisonment for a maximum of six months and a fine of a minimum of one hundred dinars and a maximum of five hundred dinars, or one of these two penalties.

In all cases, the court must close or remove the establishment if a tourist activity is carried out without a licence.

A repeat offence in both cases is considered as an aggravating circumstance.

In all of the above, except in the case of recidivism, it is permissible to reconcile before the Authority in the offences referred to in Articles (2, 3, 4) or the Decisions implementing its provisions, by paying the minimum fine prescribed, in accordance with the controls, procedures and period for which a decision is issued by the Minister and the lawsuit shall lapse with reconciliation.

**Article Two**

The Prime Minister and the ministers - each within his jurisdiction- shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**King of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

Promulgated at Riffa Palace:

On: 9 Shaaban 1439 A.H.

Corresponding to: 25 April 2018