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**Law No. (18) of 2022 Amending Article (231) of the Penal Code promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1976**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution,

And the Penal Code promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1976, as amended;

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

**Article One**

The text of Article (231) of the Penal Code promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1976 shall be replaced with the following text:

**"Article (231):**

Shall be punished with imprisonment and a fine, or with one of these two penalties, anyone who, while practicing a medical or health profession, examines a deceased person or provides assistance to a seriously injured person displaying signs indicating that their death or injury resulted from a crime or misdemeanour, or if other circumstances arise that give rise to suspicion regarding its cause, and fails to report it to the authorities."

**Article Two**

The Prime Minister and the Ministers- each within his jurisdiction- shall implement the provisions of 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**

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