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**Law No. (33) of 2017 amending Article (31) of Legislative Decree No. (15) of 2002 regarding the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

And Legislative Decree No. (15) of 2002 regarding the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, 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 (31) of Legislative Decree No. (15) of 2002 regarding the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives shall be replaced with the following text:

“Without prejudice to the more severe penalties provided for by the Penal Code or any other Law, anyone who violates any of these provisions will be punished by imprisonment of not less than three months and not more than one year and a fine of not less than one hundred dinars and not more than one thousand dinars as provided for in Articles (22), (23), (25), (26), and (27) of this Law.

Without prejudice to the criminal liability of the natural person, the private legal entity shall be punished by a fine equivalent to double the fine provided for the offence if one of the offences provided for in the Articles referred to in the previous paragraph is committed in its name, on its behalf, or by one of its representatives.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Article (24) of this Law shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than six months and not more than two years and a fine of not less than five hundred dinars and not more than three thousand dinars, or either."

**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**

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