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**Legislative Decree No. (12) of 2023**

**Amending Article (4) of Law No. (38) of 2009**

**Establishing the National Health Regulatory Authority**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution, in particular Article (38) thereof,

Law No. (15) of 2007 regarding Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,

And Law No. (38) of 2009 Establishing the National Health Regulatory Authority, amended by Legislative Decree No. (32) of 2015,

And upon the submission of the Prime Minister,

And after the approval of the Cabinet,

Hereby Decree the following Law:

Article One

The text of paragraph (a) of Article 4 of Law No. (38) of 2009 Establishing the National Health Regulatory Authority shall be replaced with the following text:

"a. The Authority shall replace the Ministry in exercising its competencies as stipulated in each of the following:

1- Legislative Decree No. (2) of 1987 regarding the Practice of Non-Physicians and Pharmacists of Allied Medical Professions

2- Legislative Decree No. (7) of 1989 regarding the Practice of the Human Medicine and Dentistry

3- Legislative Decree No. (18) of 1997 regarding the Regulation of the Pharmacy Profession and Pharmaceutical Centres,

4- Law No. (15) of 2007 regarding Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The Supreme Council of Health shall replace the Minister in exercising their duties and competencies as stipulated in the aforementioned laws, provided that this does not conflict with the provisions of this Law."

Article Two

The Prime Minister and the Ministers—each within their 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

Prime Minister

Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

Issued at Riffa Palace:

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