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**Law No. (17) of 2020 amending Article One of Legislative Decree No. (40) of 1999 regarding the Ownership by GCC Nationals of Built Properties and Land in the State of Bahrain**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

And Legislative Decree No. (2) of 1994 regarding Urban Planning, as amended by Law No. (6) of 2005;

Legislative Decree No. (40) of 1999 regarding the Ownership by GCC Nationals of Built Properties and Land in the State of Bahrain;

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

### **Article One**

Article One of Legislative Decree No. (40) of 1999 regarding the Ownership by GCC Nationals of Built Properties and Land in the State of Bahrain shall be replaced with the following text:

"Citizens of Gulf Cooperation Council countries may, after obtaining the approval of the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf, own built properties and lands in the areas specified by urban planning in the Kingdom of Bahrain by any of the methods of disposition prescribed by law, by will or inheritance, in accordance with the rules and procedures determined by the Higher Urban Planning Committee and subject to decisions issued by the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf".

### **Article Two**

The phrase "Kingdom of Bahrain" shall be replaced with "State of Bahrain" wherever it appears in the Legislative Decree No. (40) of 1999 regarding the Ownership by GCC Nationals of Built Properties and Lands in the State of Bahrain.

### **Article Three**

The Prime Minister and the Ministers - each within his jurisdiction - shall implement this law, and it shall come into effect from the day following the date of its publication in the Official gazette.

**King of Kingdom of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

Issued at Riffa Palace:

On: 8 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1441H.

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