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**Law No. (2) of 2009 Amending Article (26) of Law No. (13) of 1975 regarding the Regulation of the Pensions and Retirement Gratuities for Government Employees**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Law No. (13) of 1975 regarding the Regulation of Pensions and Retirement Gratuities for Government Employees, 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 (26) of Law No. (13) of 1975 regarding the Regulation of Pensions and Retirement Gratuities for Government Employees shall be replaced as follows:

**Article (26):**

In the event that a widow remarries or passes away, her entitlement shall be transferred to the sons and daughters of the deceased who are eligible for the pension, to be distributed equally among them. Should none of the deceased's children be present, the entitlement shall revert to the Retirement Fund.

If the widow's share of the pension has been transferred to the sons and daughters of the deceased or has reverted to the Retirement Fund as a result of her remarriage, and she subsequently becomes widowed again or is divorced from her most recent spouse, she shall be entitled to reclaim her share of the pension in accordance with the provisions of this Law, provided she has not acquired a pension from her last husband upon his death that equals her share in the pension; otherwise, she shall be entitled to recover the difference.

**Article Two**

The Ministers—each within his jurisdiction—shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the first of the month 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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