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**Law No. (17) of 2018 amending Article (36) of the Social Insurance Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (24) of 1976**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Social Insurance Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (24) of 1976, as amended;

And Law No. (3) of 2008 regarding the Social Insurance Organization, amended by Law No (33) of 2014;

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

**Article One**

A new paragraph shall be added to Article (36) of the Social Insurance Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (24) of 1976 which reads as follows:

“ The insured may also request an additional hypothetical period of service for the duration of his insurance participation, providing that the period does not exceed five years, as long as the period of service calculated after retirement and at the end of service does not exceed the limits of the period giving entitlement to the maximum retirement, in exchange for payment of an additional amount to be paid to the Social Insurance Organization. This amount is estimated and calculated in the same way as referred to in the first Paragraph of this Article. The addition of the maximum hypothetical period of service in accordance with the provisions of this Article implies that the insured does not benefit from the addition of a period of hypothetical service under any of the applicable insurance or retirement Laws. The hypothetical periods are not counted as entitlements to a retirement pension unless the insured person has completed the contribution period provided for in Articles (34) and (37) of this Law.

**Article Two**

The Minister of Finance shall issue the necessary decisions to implement the provisions of this Law.

**Article Three**

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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