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**Legislative Decree No. (51) of 2010 Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. (11) of 1975 regarding Passports**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Law No. (11) of 1975 regarding Passports, as amended,

And upon the submission of the Prime Minister,

And after the approval of the Cabinet,

Hereby Decree the following Law:

Article One

The texts of Articles (2), (7), (8), and (9) of Law No. (11) of 1975 regarding Passports shall be replaced with the following texts:

Article (2):

Passports of all types shall be issued only to those holding Bahraini nationality in accordance with the provisions of the Nationality Law in force at the time of issuance.

Article (7):

Diplomatic passports shall be granted to:

a. The King and the Crown Prince.

b. The Prime Minister.

c. Members of the Cabinet.

d. The Chairpersons of the Shura Council and the Council of Deputies.

e. Members of the Bahraini diplomatic and consular corps, as well as members of the missions of the Kingdom of Bahrain to international organisations holding equivalent diplomatic status.

f. Technical attachés of all ranks in diplomatic missions abroad.

g. Diplomatic Couriers.

h. Spouses and children, up to the age of 21, and unmarried daughters of individuals in the categories listed under Clauses (c), (d), and (e) of this Article.

Article (8):

With the approval of the King, a diplomatic passport may be granted to:

a. State employees delegated on official missions abroad, upon the request of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

b. Those delegated to represent the Kingdom of Bahrain at a specialised agency of the United Nations, during the course of their duties.

c. Spouses and minor children of individuals listed under categories (a) and (b), accompanying them on travel.

d. Individuals whom His Majesty the King deems eligible for this passport, outside the aforementioned categories.

Article (9):

Special passports shall be granted to:

a. Members of the Shura Council and the Council of Deputies.

b. Employees holding the rank of Undersecretary or above, or those in equivalent positions.

c. Judges, members of the Public Prosecution, and members of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission.

d. Former Chairpersons and members of the Shura Council and the Council of Deputies.

e. Former Ministers, former Undersecretaries, and those in equivalent positions, upon the approval of the Prime Minister.

f. Former ambassadors and ministers plenipotentiary, provided they have not been dismissed by a disciplinary decision.

g. Administrative and clerical staff attached to diplomatic and consular missions and to the Kingdom of Bahrain's missions to international organisations, following the approval of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

h. Employees delegated by decision of the Cabinet to represent the Kingdom of Bahrain in conferences, meetings, and international bodies.

i. Employees and accompanying individuals delegated with delegations representing the Shura Council and the Council of Deputies.

j. Presidents of municipal councils and their deputies.

k. Spouses and children, up to the age of 21 years, and unmarried daughters of individuals in the categories listed under Clauses (a, b, c) of this Article.

l. Any individual whom His Majesty the King considers eligible for a special passport outside the aforementioned categories.

Article Two

The phrase "State of Bahrain" shall be replaced with the phrase "Kingdom of Bahrain" wherever it appears in Law No. (11) of 1975 regarding Passports.

Article Three

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

Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

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On:

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