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**Law No (21) for Year 2014**  
**Amending certain provisions of the Bahraini Citizenship Act**

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

Having perused the Constitution,  
The Bahraini Citizenship Act for the year 1963 and its amendments,

The Council of Ministers and State Legislative Council decreed the following  
and we certified it and ordered its issuance:

**Article (1):**

The text of Article (8) and Article (9) specifically paragraph (1), (10) and (11) of the Bahraini Citizenship Act of the year 1963 shall be replaced with the following:

**Article (8):**

Bahraini nationality may be deprived from any person who has acquired the citizenship of Bahrain by naturalization in one of the following conditions:

- a) If a person acquired the citizenship of Bahrain by deception or based on false statements or has hidden substantial information. In such event, Bahraini nationality may be withdrawn from any person who has acquired through that person.
- b) If a person is found guilty in a case connected with honor and honesty within ten years of his acquisition of Bahraini nationality.
- c) If a person retrieves his original nationality without obtaining the prior permission of the Minister of Interior.
- d) If a person renounces his permanent residency permit in the Kingdom of Bahrain for five connected years without obtaining the prior permission of the Minister of Interior or an acceptable excuse.

However, there shall be exempted from the aforementioned paragraphs (c) and (d), the Bahraini citizen who holds the nationality

one of the Member States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

In the situations provided for in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) herein, the Bahraini nationality shall be withdrawn from the concerned person only.

**Article (9), Paragraph (1):**

1. A Bahraini citizen may lose his nationality in the following cases:

a) If he has voluntarily acquired another foreign nationality without obtaining the prior permission of the Minister of Interior.

A Bahraini citizen who acquired a foreign nationality without complying with the provisions of the aforementioned paragraph shall settle his situation within a maximum period of six months as of the date of the acquisition of the new nationality, either by renouncing the acquired foreign nationality or by submitting a request to the Minister of Interior to keep this nationality.

In the event where a Bahraini citizen refuses to renounce the foreign nationality, he shall lose his Bahraini nationality by virtue of a decree proposed by the Minister of Interior and approved by the Council of Ministers rejecting thereby the request to keep the aforesaid foreign nationality.

In the event where the Bahraini citizen acquired one of the nationalities of the Member States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, it shall not have any impact whatsoever on the Bahraini nationality of this person without prejudice to the provisions of Article (11) repeated (2) of this law.

b) If he renounces his Bahraini nationality and a decree is issued based on the proposal of the Minister of Interior to withdraw the nationality of that person.

**Article (10):**

Citizenship of Bahrain may be deprived by virtue of a decree proposed by the Minister of Interior and approved by the Council of Ministers from whoever enjoys such nationality on the following cases:

- a) If he enters the military service of a foreign country and stays on service despite an order issued by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain ordering him to leave such service.
- b) If he helps or engages in service of an enemy country.
- c) If he causes a damage to the interests of the Kingdom and if he committed a disloyal action against the Kingdom.

**Article (11):**

Citizenship of Bahrain may be restored to any person who has lost citizenship under the provisions of this law by virtue of an order issued by His Majesty the King, without prejudice to the provisions of Article (7), Paragraph (1) of this law.

**Article (2):**

It shall be added to the Bahraini Citizenship Act for the year 1963 two new articles under numbers (11) repeated (1) and (11) repeated (2) stipulating the following:

**Article (11) repeated (1):**

The Minister of Interior shall issue a resolution specifying therein the regulations and procedures required for the implementation of Articles (8), (9) and (10) of this law, after obtaining the approval of the Council of Ministers.

**Article (11) repeated (2):**

A fine amounted at a minimum of three thousand Dinars and a maximum of ten thousand Dinars shall be imposed on the Bahraini citizen who voluntarily acquired one of the nationalities of the Member States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf without obtaining the prior permission of the Minister of Interior.

The same penalty shall apply on the Bahraini citizen who fails to settle his situation within the deadline provided for in Clause (a), Paragraph (1), Article (9) of this law. The aforementioned situations shall not lead to the loss of the Bahraini nationality noting that a penal lawsuit shall not be filed unless at the request of the Minister of Interior.

**Article (3):**

The Prime Minister and Ministers, each within his powers, shall implement the provisions of this law and it shall come into force on the day following the date of its issuance in the Official Gazette.

**King of the Kingdom of Bahrain  
Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

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