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**Law No. (3) of 2019 amending Article (325) of the Penal Code promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1976**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

And Penal Code promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1976, 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 (325) of the Penal Code promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1976 shall be replaced with the following text:

Article (325):

1- Anyone who induces a male or female to commit debauchery or prostitution through coercion, threats or deception shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than five years and not exceeding seven years.

2- If the victim is less than eighteen years of age, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a term of not less than seven years and not more than ten years."

**Article Two**

The Prime Minister and the ministers - each within his jurisdiction- shall implement the provisions of 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**

Promulgated at Riffa Palace:

On: 24 Rajab 1440 A.H.

Corresponding to: 31 March 2019