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**Law No. (5) of 2014 amending some provisions of Law No.(22) of 2006 regarding the Protection of the Copyright and the Related Rights**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Penal Code promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (15) of 1976, as amended;

Civil Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (19) of 2001;

Criminal Procedures Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No.(46) of 2002;

Law No. (23) of 2005, ratifying the Free Trade Convention between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the United States of America;

And the Law No. (22) of 2006 regarding the Protection of Copyright and Related Rights, as amended;

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

**Article One**

The texts of Articles (45) paragraph (4), (55) first paragraph, (56) first paragraph, (64) paragraphs (2) and (3), and (66) clause (b) of Law No. (22) of 2006 regarding the Protection of Copyright and Related Rights are replaced by the following texts:

**Article (45), Paragraph (4):**

It is prohibited for any person to manufacture, assemble, modify, import, export, sell, rent or distribute any tangible or intangible system or instrument, whether he knows or has a reason to believe that such system or instrument are principally used in decoding the encrypted programme carrying signals transmitted by satellite, without a permission from the owner of the right to distribute such signals.

**Article (55) first paragraph:**

In order to be effective, the notification submitted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter with respect to any of the third and fourth class operations, shall be in writing, signed by the right owner and submitted to the representative appointed by the service provider referred to in Article (52) hereof. Such notification may be sent by e-mail if accompanied by an e-signature.

**Article (56) first paragraph:**

In order to be effective, the counter notification submitted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter with respect to any of the third or fourth class operations, shall be in writing, signed by the right owner and submitted to the representative appointed by the service provider referred to in Article (52) hereof. Such notification may be sent by e-mail if accompanied by an e-signature.

**Article (64) clauses (2) and (3):**

(2) In the event that the owner of the right is unable to prove the amount of the damage, he may choose at any time and before closing pleadings in the lawsuit, to be awarded a compensation at not less than five hundred dinars and not exceeding nine thousand dinars for each violation or prohibited act committed. The compensation shall be reduced by not less than one hundred and fifty dinars, if it is proven to the court that the defendant has acted in good faith.

(3) Non profit libraries, centers for archives and manuscripts, educational institutions or public non-commercial public broadcasting institutions are not obliged to pay a compensation for committing any of the acts referred to in Paragraphs (1) to (3) of Article (45) of this law, if it is proven to the court that they were not aware or did not have reason to believe that such activity involved a violation or a prohibited act.

**Article (66), Clause (b):**

B- Anyone, whether parties to the lawsuit, judges’ agents or those appointed to the court jurisdiction, who violates a court order to protect confidential information that are disclosed or exchanged during judicial proceedings,shall be subjected to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding two thousand dinars.

**Article Two**

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,**

Issued at Riffa Palace:

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