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**Law No. (5) of 2019 amending Article (424) 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;

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

Law No.(7) of 2010 regarding Ratifying the United Nations Convention Against Corruption;

And Law No.(6) of 2017 regarding ratifying the Arab Convention against Corruption,

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

**Article (424):**

Any worker, member of the Board of Directors or Board of Trustees of a private legal person who embezzles money, bonds or papers of financial, commercial or moral value found in his possession by reason of his work or position shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years, and the offender shall be sentenced to return the embezzled thing.

If the offender is one of the collection officers or his delegates or trustees of deposits or money changers and the money, bonds, securities, commercial matters or other securities are handed over to him in this capacity, this is considered an aggravating circumstance.

**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**

Promulgated at Riffa Palace:

On: 1 Ramadan 1440 A.H.

Corresponding to: 6 May 2019