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**Law No. (17) of 2009 amending certain provisions of Law of Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1996**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution, and the Law of Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1996, 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 numbers (61) and (62) of the Law of Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1996 shall be replaced by the following texts:

Article (61):

In non-commercial matters, if the value of the legal disposition exceeds five hundred dinars, or if the value is not specified, the testimony of witnesses is not permissible to prove its existence or its extinction, and its proof is in writing, unless there is an agreement or a text stipulating otherwise.

The obligation is estimated by considering its value at the time of disposition, and it is permissible to prove it by the testimony of witnesses if the increase in the obligation exceeds five hundred dinars and is only caused from adding the attachments to the original.

And if the lawsuit includes multiple requests arising from multiple sources, it is permissible to prove with the testimony of witnesses in each request whose value does not exceed five hundred dinars, even if these requests in total exceed this value, even if they are raised due to relationships between the litigants themselves or actions of the same nature.

The fulfilment requirement if it is partial shall be to the value of the original obligation.

**Article (62):**

Testimony of witnesses is not admissible, even if the value does not exceed five hundred dinars, in the following cases

1. If it Contradicts or exceeds what was included in a written evidence.

2. If the required value is the remainder or part of a right that may not be proved except by written means.

If one of the litigants claimed in the lawsuit an amount exceeding five hundred dinars, then he modified his claim to an amount not exceeding this value.

**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,**

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