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**Law No. (41) of 2005 amending certain provisions of Criminal Procedures Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (46) of 2002**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

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

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 (391) and (402) of the Criminal Procedures Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (46) of 2002 shall be replaced with the following texts:

**Article (391)**

In order to rehabilitate, the following shall apply:

a- The penalty shall have been fully executed, or a pardon was issued for it or it was forfeited by the lapse of time.

b- That a period of two years has elapsed from the date of completion of the execution of the penalty or the issuance of the pardon if it was a penalty for a felony, or a period of one year, if it was a penalty for a misdemeanour, these periods shall be doubled in the two cases of judgment for recidivism and forfeiture of the penalty due to the lapse of time.

**Article (402)**

Rehabilitation is granted by virtue of the law if, within the following deadlines, the convicted person is not sentenced to a felony or a misdemeanour which is kept in the criminal record:

a) Concerning a person convicted of a felony, where a period of five years has elapsed from its execution, pardon, or forfeiture due to lapse of time.

b) For a person who is sentenced to a misdemeanour penalty, where a period of three years has elapsed since the execution of the penalty or pardon, unless the judgment considered the convicted person to be a recidivist, or the penalty was forfeited by the lapse of time, the period shall be four years.

**Article Two**

The Ministers- each within his jurisdiction- shall implement the provisions of this Law, and it shall come into force following the lapse of the first month from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**King of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa,**

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