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**Legislative Decree No. (24) of 2015 amending Certain Provisions of Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Having reviewed the Procedures Before Sharia Courts Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (26) of 1986, as amended;

Cassation Court Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (8) of 1989, as amended;

Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002 as amended;

After consulting the Supreme Judicial Council;

And upon the submission of the Prime Minister;

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers,

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

The text of the first paragraph of Article (13) of the Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No.(42) of 2002 shall be replaced with the following text:

**Article (13) first paragraph:**

“The Shari’ah Courts shall consist of:

**1)** Court of Cassation.

**2)** The Supreme Sharia Court of Appeal.

**3)**The Higher Sharia Court

**4)**The Lower Sharia Court

Each court consists of two chambers:

a) The Sunni Sharia Circuit.

b) The Jaafari Sharia Circuit.

**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,**

**Prime Minister**

**Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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