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**Legislative Decree No. (24) of 2020 adding a New Article No. (62 bis) to the Law of Associations, Social and Cultural Clubs, Private Bodies Working in the Field of Youth and Sports and Private Institutions promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (21) of 1989**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution, in particular Article (38) thereof;

Commerce Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (7) of 1987, as amended;

Law of Associations, Social and Cultural Clubs, Private Bodies Working in the Field of Youth and Sports and Private Institutions promulgated by the Legislative Decree No. (21) of 1989, as amended;

Commercial Companies Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (21) of 2001, as amended;

Law No. (18) of 2012 regarding the Trade Names;

And Legislative Decree No. (27) of 2015 regarding the Commercial Register, as amended by the Legislative Decree No. (52) of 2018;

And upon the submission of the First Deputy of the Prime Minister;

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers;

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

A new article No. (62 bis) shall be added to the Law of the Associations, Social and Cultural Clubs, Private Bodies Working in the Field of Youth and Sports and Private Institutions promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (21) of 1989 with the following text:

"As an exception to the provisions of this law, clubs may be established in the form of commercial companies in accordance with the Commercial Companies Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (21) of 2001, provided that they shall be registered in the designated registry by the competent administrative authority after a Decision issued by the relevant Minister. Clubs may also change their legal entity to commercial companies in accordance with the rules and procedures specified in a Decision to be issued by the competent Minister, following the approval of the Council of Ministers.

The competent Minister, in coordination with the Minister concerned with Commerce Affairs, shall issue a Decision specifying the forms of companies that the clubs are allowed to adopt, and the rules governing their operation, including technical and administrative working rules and the mechanism of their control, all in a manner that does not conflict with the provisions of the Commercial Companies Law”.

**Article Two**

The Prime Minister and the Ministers - each within his jurisdiction - shall implement the provisions of 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**

**First Deputy of the Prime Minister**

**Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa**

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