

Law Number 4 – Year 1994
Issued Law on Sold Items
Smoking Specific Smoking

Law Number 4 for 1994
Issuing a Law on the Environment

In the name of the People
President of the Republic
The Parliament announces the following text, and has issued it:

Article I

With full consideration of the rules and provisions in specific laws, the provisions of the attached Law on the Environment, and regarding existing structures at the time of this law's issuance shall be adjusted so as to agree with its terms during the three years following from the date of its publication in the executive regulations. This does not prejudice the application of the provisions of Law Number 48 for 1982 on the Matter of Protecting the Nile River and Waterways from Pollution.

The Council of Ministers, based on the proposal of the Minister with jurisdiction over environmental matters, is permitted to extend this deadline for a period not exceeding two years at most if necessary. He shall specify to the Council of Ministers the actions that have been taken in order to implement the provisions of the attached law.

Article II

The Prime Minister, based on the proposal of the Minister with jurisdiction over environmental matters and after consulting the view of the Council of the Environmental Affairs Agency, shall issue executive regulations for the attached law in a time period not exceeding six months from the date of its operation.

As appropriate, Ministers shall issue the necessary modifications required in order for the provisions of Section II of the attached law to be implemented. Consideration shall be given to the provisions of Article (5) during the period of time indicated in the previous paragraph.

Article III

Law Number 72 for 1968 in the Matter of Preventing Oil Pollution of the Ocean is hereby nullified, as are all provisions contradicting the provisions of the associated law.

Article IV

This law shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall be operative from the day following its date of publication. This law shall be stamped with the State Seal, and implemented as one of its laws; issued under the authority of the Republic on the 15th of Sha'ban, 1414 AH (27 January, 1994).

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Law on the Environment

Introduction

Part One

General Provisions

Article I

In applying the provisions of the law, the following terms and expressions shall carry the specified meanings assigned to them.

1 – Environment:

The biosphere, including organisms, substances contained therein, including the atmosphere, water, soil, and those installations valued by people.

2 – Atmosphere:

Regarding the provisions of this law, the atmosphere shall be understood as the combination of gases and naturally occurring characteristics, as well as the outer atmosphere and the atmosphere of closed and semi-closed public places.

3 – Treaty

The International Treaty for the Prevention of Ocean Pollution by Shipping for 1978; similarly international treaties to which the Arab Republic of Egypt is a signatory in the field of marine environmental protection from pollution and indemnification for pollution accidents.

4 – Public Place

A place prepared for welcoming a group of people – either in its entirety or a specific group – for any purpose.

5 – Closed Public Place

A public place that has completed structure into which air may not enter except through vents prepared for this purpose. Means of public transportations shall be considered closed public places by this provision.

6 – Semi-closed Public Place

A place that has an incomplete structure into which external air may enter directly, thus preventing its complete closure.

(Article 46) The manager of the establishment must take measures to prevent smoking at public and locked locations unless in areas where it is specifically permitted by licensure. He must be sensitive in these cases to allocate space to smokers in such a way so as not to affect the air in other locations.

Smoking is Prohibited in Public Transit

Penalties (Article 87) – It will be penalized by fines of no less than one thousand pounds and no more than twenty thousand pounds.

In the case of a lack of cooperation from the manager of the establishment to prevent smoking in public or locked locations, he will be penalized for the offense in accordance with the provision of Paragraph I from Article 46 from this law.

There will be a penalty of a fine of no less than ten pounds and of no more than fifty pounds for each smoker while using public transit in violation of provision of Paragraph II from the Article indicated and in the case of repeat offenders the penalty shall be imprisonment and fine indicated in the previous paragraph.

Special Section for Audio Pollution

(Article 42) All areas and individuals are obligated to use horns and amplifiers without exceeding permitted areas with loud sounds.

Penalties (Article 87) There will be a penalty of a fine of no less than one hundred pounds and no more than five hundred pounds in conjunction with the confiscation of equipment used and every person who contravenes the provisions ... [text cut off]