

In the Name of God the Compassionate the Merciful

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Law Number 85 in the Year 2002

Amendments to some of the Provisions announced in Law Number 52 in the Year 1981

In the Matter of Preventing Tobacco Related Injuries

In the Name of the People

President of the Republic

The parliament has passed the text of the law; issuing the following:

(Article I)

The final paragraph from Article III of the Announcement of Law Number 52 for the Year 1981 in the matter of Preventing Tobacco Related Injuries shall be substituted with the following text:

“It is necessary to list the following warning on all tobacco and cigarette packaging:

Beware: Smoking is hazardous to health and causes death.

This warning must occupy at least one third of the packaging.”

(Article II)

The indicated new articles VI Bis, VI Bis (1), and VI Bis (2) shall be added to the announcement of Law Number 52 for the Year 1981, using the following text:

Article VI Bis:

Announcements or promotions to purchase or use cigarettes and different tobacco products are completely prohibited whether in newspapers, magazines, that which issues or engages in its distribution; fixed or moving pictures, visual images, audio means, or any other means.”

Article VI Bis (1):

The distribution of cigarettes or tobacco products is prohibited in all of its forms. In competitions or in the form of prizes or free gifts, or that cigarette or tobacco products are a means of obtaining monetary, literary, or other in-kind prizes.

Article VI Bis (2):

The sale of cigarettes, different tobacco products, or cards to purchase them is prohibited to those of less than eighteen years of age.

(Article III)

The following text shall replace the text of Article (VII) of the Announcement of Law Number 52 for the Year 1981:

Article VII - Without prejudice to any more severe penalty punishable by imprisonment for a duration not exceeding one year, and by fines not less than one thousand pounds and not exceeding five thousand pounds or by one of these two penalties all violators of the provisions appearing in Article I, 3, 6 Bis and 6 Bis (1) of this law.

In the case of repeated offences, the penalty shall be both imprisonment and fines indicated in paragraph seven.

The penalty shall be a fine of no less than 100 pounds and no greater than one thousand pounds for each violator of the provisions appearing in Article 6 Bis (2) from this law; purchasing does not apply to the interference provisions appearing in the penal code.

In the case of repeated offences the penalty shall be imprisonment for a duration of no greater than one year and a fine of no less than one hundred pounds and no greater than one thousand pounds, or one of these two penalties.

In all cases this governs the seizure of confiscated materials and tools used in advertising or promotion.

(Article IV)

Articles IV and V are repealed from the indicated Announcement of Law Number 52 for the Year 1981.

(Article V)

This law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be used from the day following its date of publication.

This law shall be stamped with the state seal and implemented as one of its laws.

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