

**Law Number 154 for Year 2007**  
**Specific to Amendment of Some Provisions of Law Number 52 for Year 1981**  
**In the Matter of Preventing Smoking Related Harm**

**In the Name of the People**

**President of the Republic**

**Parliament Announces and Promulgates the Following Law:**

**Article 1**

The text from the final paragraph from Article 3 from Law Number 52 for Year 1981, In the Matter of Preventing Smoking Related Harm, shall be replaced by the following text:

**“Article 3 (Final Paragraph):**

Recognizing a commitment to the provisions appearing in the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), which prohibit any slogans making smoking attractive, such as “Little Tar,” “Light Tar,” or “Very Light Tar,” it is hereby required that all packages of tobacco products or cigarettes bear the following warning: **“Beware – Smoking is Harmful to Your Health and May Cause Death.”** This warning must occupy at least one half of the package; additional warnings or pictures confirming smoking related harm are permitted by announcement by Ministry of Health.”

**Article 2**

The following new articles are added to Law Number 52 for Year 1981, numbering 6 Bis (3), 6 Bis (4), 6 Bis (5), 6 Bis (6); containing the following text:

**“Article 6 Bis (3):**

Smoking is prohibited in any and all form in different health and educational facilities, governmental venues, sporting and social clubs, youth centers, and other locations when issued an announcement from the Minister of Health. The manager of said locations is required to take measures to prevent smoking therein, and he may be punished for failing to do so by a fine of no less than one thousand pounds and no more than twenty thousand pounds. Similarly, the smoker may be punished by a fine of no less than fifty pounds and no more than one hundred pounds.”

**“Article 6 Bis (4):**

The government shall adopt pricing and taxation policies so as to increase the price of a unit of tobacco, as this is considered an effective and important means to reduce consumption. The dividends of this increase shall be reserved for health services; this shall be by agreement between the Ministers of Health and Finance.”

**“Article 6 Bis (5):**

By announcement from the President of the Council of Ministers, a Higher Committee for Tobacco Control shall be formed. It shall be headed by the Minister of Health and have members from specific Ministries and representatives from civil society institutions. It shall make policies to control smoking and coordinate the efforts of Ministries and bodies associated with implementing these policies. The Minister of Health shall present the recommendations of this Committee to the Council of Ministers in order to adopt that which is required in this matter.”

**“Article 6 Bis (6):**

A special jurisdiction and status of judicial police in the implementation of laws specific to combating smoking related damages shall be established within the Ministry of Health, whose jurisdiction shall be issued and specified by announcement from the Minister of Health, and whose members shall be assigned by announcement from the Minister of Justice in agreement with the Minister of Health.”

**Article 3**

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

This law bears the seal of the State, and it shall be implemented as one of its laws.

**(Hosni Mubarak)**

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