

We, Faisal bin Hussein, the Deputy of His Exalted Majesty, pursuant to Article 31 of the Constitution and based on the decision of the Senate and the House of Representatives, confirm the following law and we order its promulgation and its addition to the laws of the nation:

Law No. 11 of 2017
Amendment to the Public Health Law

Article 1: This law is called “Amendment to the Public Health Law of 2017.” It is to be read together with Law No. 47 of 2008, hereinafter referred to as the original law, as a single law. It becomes effective as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2: Article 52 of the original law, specifically the definition of “public place,” is hereby annulled and replaced with the following:

Public place: A place intended to receive all people, or a certain category thereof, such as hospitals, health centers, schools, movie houses, theaters, public offices, museums, government and non-governmental public buildings, passenger transportation, arrival and exit terminals at airports and border checkpoints or crossings, playgrounds, closed sports facilities, lecture halls, restaurants, hotels, internet cafes, tourist sites and facilities, offices of associations, societies, and tribes, and any other place determined by the Minister to be a public place, with the proviso that his decision will be published in the Official Gazette.

Article 3: Article 57 of the original law is amended as follows:

First: Paragraph B thereof is hereby considered as Item 1, and Item 2 is added thereto, with the following text:

2. Considering the provisions of Item 1 of this paragraph, the ministry will issue a health certificate for practitioners of the professions and industries referred to in Paragraph A of this article. This certificate must be renewed annually.

Second: The expression "and the certificates issued" is added after the expression "cancels the approval granted" mentioned in Paragraph C thereof, and the expression "the agreement" mentioned therein is voided and replaced with the word "them."

Article 4: Article 58 of the original law is amended by re-titling the current article as Paragraph A and adding Paragraph B thereto with the following text:

- B. The owner of any shop referred to in Paragraph A of this article will be punished with a fine of at least five hundred dinars and no more than one thousand dinars for any violation identified during an inspection, including failure of his employees to obtain the health certificate specified in Article 57 of this law, and the minister can close that shop for a period that he deems appropriate until the violation is corrected.

Article 5: The text of Article 63 of the original law is annulled and replaced by the following text:

Article 63:

- A. Anyone who smokes any tobacco products in public areas where smoking is prohibited will be imprisoned for at least one month and not more than three months or fined at least one hundred dinars and not more than two hundred dinars.

- B. Anyone who does any of the following will be imprisoned for at least three months and not more than six months or a fine of at least one thousand dinars and not more than three thousand dinars:
1. A person responsible for a public place where smoking is prohibited allows any person to smoke any tobacco product at that public place.
 2. Failure to provide notice that smoking is prohibited in a public place in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph C of Article 53 of this law.
 3. Sale of individual cigarettes.
 4. Sale of cigarettes to anyone under eighteen years of age.
 5. Distribution or sale of counterfeit tobacco products.
- C. Anyone who does any of the following will be imprisoned for at least three months and not more than six months and fined at least one thousand dinars and not more than three thousand dinars:
1. Smoking any tobacco products or allowing such products to be smoked in nursery schools, kindergartens, or schools in the public or private sectors.
 2. Displaying any tobacco products in violation of the provisions of the law issued for this purpose.
 3. Printing, displaying, or publishing any advertisement for any tobacco products, or distributing any brochure, instruments, or materials for introducing it.
 4. Installing vending machines for tobacco products.
 5. Manufacturing or importing counterfeit tobacco products or any device used for smoking.
 6. Producing, importing, or marketing any tobacco products within the Kingdom in violation of Article 56 of this law.

7. Failure to implement the health requirements for places where smoking is allowed.

D. The minister can close the place where the violation was committed for a period that he deems appropriate or he can recommend that the competent agencies seize a means of conveyance that promotes tobacco products and that provides home delivery service until a final decision is handed down by the court.

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Faisal bin Hussein

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