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- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



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Article 1

In this Law, the following terms and phrases, as used herein, shall have the meanings assigned thereto:

Law: The Privileged Residency Permit Law.

Regulations: The Implementing Regulations of this Law.

Non-Saudi: A natural person not holding Saudi citizenship.

Privileged Residency Permit Holder: A non-Saudi who obtains a privileged residency permit under this Law.

Family: Dependents of a privileged residency permit holder: spouses, and children of an age not exceeding 21 years.

Center: The Privileged Residency Permit Center.

Committee: The Center's Supervisory Committee.

Article 2

1. The holder of a privileged residency permit shall enjoy the following rights and privileges while observing the obligations associated therewith:
 - a) Residence in the Kingdom with his family.
 - b) Issuance of visit visas for relatives, as determined by the Regulations.
 - c) Recruitment of domestic workers from abroad according to his needs.
 - d) Ownership of real property for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes, in areas other than the cities of Mecca and Medina and border areas, in accordance with the Regulations.
 - e) Usufruct on real property located in the cities of Mecca and Medina for a period not exceeding 99 years. The Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Commerce and Investment shall set the procedures necessary for obtaining usufruct deeds from a notary public. The right to usufruct is transferable subject to rules set by the Committee.
 - f) Ownership of private means of transportation, and other movables the acquisition of which is permitted under the law in the Kingdom.
 - g) Employment in the private sector with the ability to change jobs; this shall extend to family members. Professions and jobs limited to Saudis shall be excluded. This privilege shall not prejudice the fees applicable to non-Saudis.
 - h) Exit and entry to the Kingdom at his own accord.



- i) Access to the lanes designated for Saudis at the Kingdom's exit and entry points.
 - j) Engagement in commerce, in accordance with the Foreign Investment Law.
2. The Regulations shall specify the other provisions governing paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article 3

The privileged residency permit shall be of the following types:

- a) For an unspecified period.
- b) For one renewable year.

The Regulations shall set the procedures and rules relating to the provisions of this Article.

Article 4

1. To apply for a privileged residency permit, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:
- a) Providing a valid passport.
 - b) The applicant must be at least 21 years of age.
 - c) Submitting a proof of financial solvency.
 - d) Submitting a clear criminal record.
 - e) Submitting a medical report proving he has no communicable diseases. Such report shall not be older than six months on the date of submitting the application.
 - f) Residing legally in the Kingdom if he applies from within the Kingdom.
2. The Committee may, when necessary, add other requirements in certain cases.
3. The Regulations shall specify the procedures and rules relating to the provisions of this Article.

Article 5

Upon satisfaction of the requirements referred to in Article 4 of this Law, the Center shall review the application and decide thereon. A privileged residency permit shall be issued pursuant to a decision by the President of the Center, subject to the provisions of this Law and its Regulations.

Article 6

1. The applicant shall, within 30 days from the date of being notified of the approval decision referred to in Article 5 of this Law, undertake the following:
- a) Pay the fees specified by the Regulations.



- b) Submit a medical insurance policy in accordance with the Cooperative Health Insurance Law and its Implementing Regulations.
- 2. The application submitted in accordance with Article 4 of this Law shall be deemed canceled if the requirements referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article are not satisfied within the specified period.
- 3. For applicants residing in the Kingdom at the time of application, the privileged residency permit shall become effective from the date of its issuance, provided that the procedures necessary for terminating matters associated with the previous residency permit are completed.

Article 7

The holder of a privileged residency permit shall comply with this Law, its Regulations, and other laws and directives in force in the Kingdom without prejudice to the provisions of this Law.

Article 8

For the purpose of applying other statutory provisions, particularly tax provisions, the holder of a privileged residency permit shall be treated as a resident regardless of the period he spends outside the Kingdom during the year.

Article 9

- 1. The privileged residency permit shall be terminated if:
 - a) its holder is convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term not less than 60 days or a fine not less than 100,000 riyals or its equivalent;
 - b) a judicial decision or judgment deporting its holder from the Kingdom is issued;
 - c) the application is proven to include false information;
 - d) its holder fails to comply with the obligations provided for in Article 7 of this Law;
 - e) its holder relinquishes it; or
 - f) its holder dies or loses competency.
- 2. The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article shall not prejudice the right of the Committee to terminate the privileged residency permit if public interest so warrants.

Article 10

- 1. The rights and privileges granted to the holder of a privileged residency permit shall be



limited to those stipulated in this Law.

2. The Regulations shall specify other rights and privileges to be enjoyed by the family, within the confinements of Article 2 of this Law.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article, the holder of a privileged residency permit and his family shall be subject to all laws and regulations applicable to non-Saudi residents.

Article 11

1. The cancellation or termination of a privileged residency permit shall not entail transfer of the rights and privileges enjoyed by the holder, pursuant to Article 2 of this Law, to his family members. However, if a family member satisfies the requirements stipulated in this Law and its Regulations, he may apply for a privileged residency permit.
2. A privileged residency permit does not make its holder eligible for Saudi citizenship.
3. If the privileged residency permit is canceled pursuant to Article 9(1)(f) of this Law, the holder's family members shall continue to enjoy the permit's rights and privileges during its validity, in accordance with Article 10(2).

Article 12

If the privileged residency permit of the holder or any member of his family is canceled or terminated, the Center shall, in coordination with the relevant agencies, consider and address any resulting consequences, in accordance with the provisions of this Law and its Regulations.

Article 13

1. The Center shall, in coordination with the relevant agencies, draft the Regulations, which shall be issued pursuant to a decision by the Committee.
2. The Center shall issue the decisions and directives necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

Article 14

This Law shall enter into force on the day following its date of publication in the Official Gazette.