

Law No. 8 of 1983 Concerning Compounding of Crimes of Entry and Residence by Foreigners in Qatar (Cancelled) 8 / 1983

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We, Khalifah Bin Hamad Al-Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar,
Having reviewed the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 23, 34 and 51 thereof;
Law No. 3 of 1963 concerning the regulation of entry and residence of foreigners in Qatar, and its amendments;
Law No. 5 of 1970 concerning powers of the Ministers and functions of ministries and other government organs, as amended;
Law No. 13 of 1971 concerning the regulation of courts of justice, and its amending laws;
Law No. 14 of 1971 concerning issuance of the Qatar Penal law;
Law No. 15 of 1971 concerning the issuance of the Law of Criminal Procedures;
The recommendations of the Minister of Interior;
The draft law presented by the Council of Ministers;
And after obtaining the opinion of the *Shura* Council;
Hereby promulgate the fol

Articles

Article 1

The Ministry of Interior may conclude compositions on crimes set forth in Law No. 3 of 1963 before a lawsuit is filed.

Article 2 (Amended By Decree 13/2003)★

1. Compounding procedures with any person defendant of crimes referred to in the preceding article shall be conducted by officers of the Directorate of Immigration, Passports and Nationality entrusted with dealing with such crimes and the legal issues emanating therefrom. Such officers shall inform the defendant of the crimes with which he is charged, offer him compounding, and record such offer in a register.
2. A defendant who opts to pay a fine against a waiver of the charge shall make such payment within three days of the date of the offer of compounding. Such fine shall be determined in accordance with the rates issued by an order from the Minister of Interior, on condition that such fine shall not exceed three quarters of the maximum limit of the fine prescribed for the crime subject to compounding.
3. The fine shall be deposited with the treasury of the Directorate of Immigration, Passports and Nationality or with one of its officers authorized by the Minister of Interior to collect such fines.

Article 3 (Amended By Decree 13/2003)★

Compounding shall not be valid until it has been approved by the Manager of the Directorate of Immigration, Passports and Nationality within a

Article 4 (Amended By Decree 13/2003)★

Where an defendant refuses compounding, or refuses to pay the fine within the prescribed period, or the compounding has not been approved by the Manager of the Directorate of Immigration, Passports and Nationality within the prescribed period, the defendant shall be summoned to the concerned court and the claim shall immediately be settled.

Article 5 (Amended By Decree 13/2003)★

1. Any person charged with one of the crimes stated in Law No. 3 of 1963, referred to above, shall not leave the country unless he has paid the fine of compounding, or he is found innocent in a final judgment, or he has served the sentence imposed on him, as the case may be.
 2. A defendant person, where his circumstances require him to do so, may be permitted to leave after depositing with the treasury of the Directorate of Immigration, Passports and Nationality an amount equal to the fine offered to him for compounding as a guarantee against any verdict which may be issued against him.
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Article 6

The Minister of Interior shall issue the necessary orders for the implementation of this Law in accordance with its provisions and aims.

Article 7

All concerned authorities, each within its jurisdiction, shall implement this Law which shall come into force thirty days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.
