

**Law No. 173 of 2018 Amending certain provisions of
Law No. 89 of 1960 Concerning the Entry, Residence, and Exit of Foreigners in the
Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt and
Law No. 26 of 1975 regarding Egyptian Nationality**

In the name of the people,
President of the Republic,
The House of Representatives has decided the following law, and we have promulgated it:

First Article

Replace the text of Article (17) of the Law No. 89 of 1960 on Entry, Residence, and Exit of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt, by the following text:

Article (17):

In terms of residency, foreigners are divided into four categories:

- 1- Foreigners with special residence status.
- 2- Foreigners with normal residence status.
- 3- Foreigners with temporary residence status.
- 4- Foreigners with a deposit residence status.

Second Article

A new article number (20 bis) shall be added to the Law No. 89 of 1960 on Entry, Residence, and Exit of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which reads as follows:

Article (20 bis):

Foreigners with a deposit residence status are foreigners coming to invest in Egypt, and who deposit at least than seven million Egyptian pounds in an Egyptian bank, or its equivalent in foreign currency, as determined by a decision of the Prime Minister.

A decision by the Minister of Interior shall be issued after the approval of the Council of Ministers for determining the regulations regarding the residence and its duration, the value of the deposit, depositing and withdrawing, the banks in which the deposit can be made, and the permitted areas of investment.

Third Article

A new article (4 bis) is added to Law No. 26 of 1975 regarding Egyptian Nationality, which reads as follows:

Article (4 bis):

By a decision of the Minister of Interior, it is permissible to grant Egyptian nationality to any foreigner who has deposit residence status, if this person has resided in Egypt for five consecutive years prior to submitting the application for naturalization, in accordance with the requirements stipulated in Article (20 bis) of Law No. 89 of 1960 on Entry, Residence, and Exit of Foreigners in the Territories of the Arab Republic of

Egypt, and the conditions (1), (2), and (3) as stipulated in the Fourth Clause of Article (4) of the Law are fulfilled.

In the event that the application for naturalization is accepted, the value of the deposit reverts to the state treasury.

The restrictions stipulated in Article (9) of the Law shall apply to the grant of citizenship in accordance with the provisions of this article.

The conditions and rules for submitting the naturalization application shall be issued by a decision of the Minister of Interior with the approval by the Council of Ministers.

Fourth Article

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

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

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