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Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Amendment [Dubai Law 14 of 2005]

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Law No. (14) of 2005 Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. (12) of 2005 on Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department

We, Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

Having reviewed [Law No. \(12\) of 2005](#) on Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department,

Hereby Promulgate the following Law:

Article (1)

[Articles \(2\) & \(4\)](#) of the aforementioned Law establishing the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities shall be replaced with the following two texts:

Article (2)

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings respectively assigned next thereto:

State : The United Arab Emirates.

Ruler : His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.

Emirate : Emirate of Dubai.

Department : Islamic Affairs & Charitable Activities Department.

Director : Director General of the Department.

Charitable Societies : Any group of persons concerned with religious or charitable affairs and practices its activities in the Emirate, including religious or charitable societies established in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Article (4)

The Department shall have the following powers and authorities:

- 1 to lay down the Department's general policy;
- 2 to propagate the Islamic culture and promote religious awareness;
- 3 to supervise the printing of the Holy Quran, religious books and visual and audio recordings;
- 4 to establish and oversee Holy Quran Memorizing Schools;

5 to care for mosques and supervise their management for proper functioning in coordination with Awqaf and Minors Affairs Foundation;

6 to supervise the construction of mosques built by individuals in coordination with Dubai Municipality and Awqaf and Minors Affairs Foundation;

7 to supervise events, symposia, conferences, and religious competitions;

8 to supervise charitable centres and societies administratively, financially, and culturally as well as approve its own programs;

9 to supervise research and Islamic studies centres and religious programs, particularly those propagated and broadcasted through audio, electronic and visual media;

10 to highlight the gracefulness of Islam and emphasize that Islam is appropriate for all times and places;

11 to revive the Islamic heritage by collecting, investigating and studying what would be fitting for Muslim daily life requirements and also find solutions for their problems;

12 to translate works relating to Muslim issues;

13 to organize Hajj affairs in coordination with the concerned authorities in the State;

14 to preserve, revive and spread the Islamic culture;

15 to work on the Fatwa in all juristic matters referred thereto;

16 to grant licenses for all imams, preachers, lecturers, teachers and mosque callers according to the regulations issued by the Director in this regard; and

17 to publish a magazine containing Islam's message and use all mass media to spread the message of that magazine.

Article (2)

This **Law** shall come into force as from the date of its issue and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

[Signed]

Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,

Ruler of Dubai

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