

Law No. 2 of 2025

Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. 232 of 1989 Regarding the Safety of Ships

**In the Name of the People,
The President of the Republic**

The House of Representatives has passed the following law, and we have enacted it:

Article One

The phrase "**Minister of Maritime Transport**" shall be replaced with "**Minister responsible for transport affairs**" wherever it appears in Law No. 232 of 1989 regarding the safety of ships or in any other law.

Additionally, Article (4) of the same law shall be replaced with the following text:

Article (4):

To raise the Egyptian flag on any newly built ship or marine unit, its drawings and specifications must be approved by the competent authority, and it must be constructed under its supervision or under the supervision of a person delegated by it.

If a ship or marine unit is registered in a foreign country, it may only raise the Egyptian flag if its age does not exceed twenty-five years, except for passenger ships, whose age must not exceed twenty years. The age of a ship or marine unit registered in a foreign country shall be calculated from the date of construction as stated in the permanent registration certificate issued by its flag state.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned age limits, before purchasing or leasing an unequipped foreign ship, a foreign ship leased for financing purposes, or a marine unit for the purpose of registering it in Egypt, its drawings and documents must be submitted to the competent authority for examination and inspection at the expense of the concerned party. This inspection may be conducted at a location of their choosing to assess the vessel's suitability for its intended purpose.

Considering the validity conditions, the following shall be exempt from the age restrictions stipulated in this article: ships and marine units owned by the State and designated for non-commercial purposes.

Article Two

The Minister responsible for transport affairs shall issue the necessary decrees to implement the provisions of this law within three months from the date of its enactment. Until such decrees are issued, the current decrees shall remain in force, provided they do not conflict with the provisions of this law.

Article Three

This law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into effect on the day following the date of its publication.

This law shall be stamped with the State Seal and enforced as one of the laws of the Republic.

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