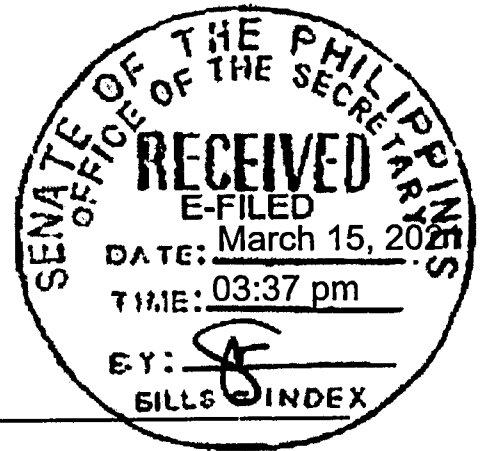


EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 210

Submitted by the Committee on Public Services on March 15, 2021

Re: **House Bill No. 6918**

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: **Senator Grace Poe**

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Public Services, to which was referred **House Bill No. 6918**, introduced by **Representatives Remulla and Alvarez (F.)**, entitled:

AN ACT
RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BLOCKBUSTER BROADCASTING SYSTEM,
INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8726, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING
THE BLOCKBUSTER BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO
AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

has considered the same and has the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 2, lines 1 to 6, delete the second paragraph of Section 3.

Section 3 shall now read as follows:

"The grantee shall secure from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) the appropriate permits and licenses for the construction and operation of its stations or facilities and shall not use any frequency in the radio/television spectrum without authorization from the NTC. The NTC, however, shall not unreasonably withhold or delay the grant of any such authority.

In case of any violation of the provisions of this franchise, the NTC shall have the authority to revoke or suspend, after due process, the permits or licenses it issued pursuant to the franchise. The NTC may recommend to

Congress the revocation of the franchise for any violation of the provisions of this franchise."

2. On page 3, line 5, insert a new Section 7 as follows:

"SEC. 7. RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE. – THE GRANTEE SHALL APPLY FOR THE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE THREE (3) YEARS BEFORE ITS EXPIRATION WHICH SHALL BE RECKONED FROM FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE FRANCHISE IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OR IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION."

Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

3. On the same page, lines 23 to 30, delete the entire Section and replace it with a new Section 10 to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE AND PROMOTE THE CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. – THE GRANTEE SHALL CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS ACCEPT ON-THE-JOB TRAINEES IN THE FRANCHISE OPERATIONS: PROVIDED, THAT PRIORITY SHALL BE ACCORDED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE PLACE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE GRANTEE IS LOCATED: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE THAT THE GRANTEE SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) OF ITS EMPLOYEES ARE REGULAR EMPLOYEES AND IN NO CASE SHALL THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES, JOB ORDERS, CASUAL EMPLOYEES, AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS COMBINED, EXCEED FORTY PERCENT (40%) OF ITS TOTAL WORKFORCE: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE GRANTEE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE APPLICABLE LABOR STANDARDS AND ALLOWANCE ENTITLEMENT UNDER EXISTING LABOR LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND SIMILAR ISSUANCES.

THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OR JOBS CREATED SHALL BE REFLECTED IN THE GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET (GIS) TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) ANNUALLY. IN ADDITION, THE GRANTEE SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES AND WORKERS WHOSE EMPLOYMENT STATUS ARE MADE REGULAR, AND APPEND THE APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT ATTESTING THAT IT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION."

4. On page 4, line 1, delete the word 'common' and replace it with '**OUTSTANDING CAPITAL**'.

Respectfully submitted,


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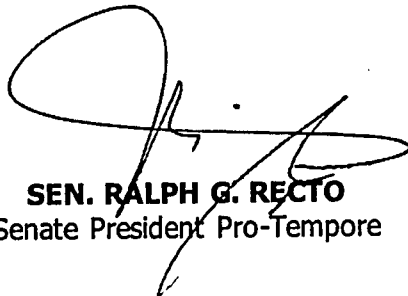

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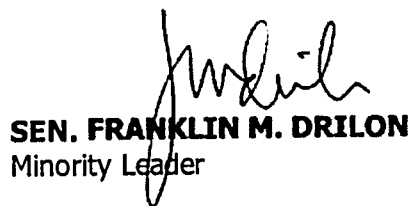
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