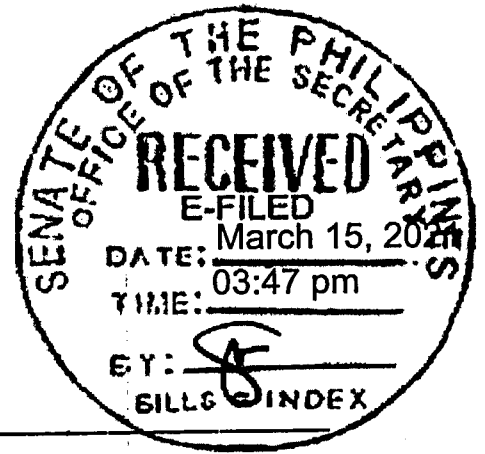


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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 211

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

Re: **House Bill No. 7487**

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: **Senator Grace Poe**

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Public Services, to which was referred **House Bill No. 7487**, introduced by **Representatives Aumentado, Chatto, Alvarez (F.) and Tutor**, entitled:

**AN ACT**  
**RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TAGBILARAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS TAGBILARAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8149, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE TAGBILARAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS REGION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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, Section 4, line 1, after the word '*Public*', delete the sentence: 'The grantee shall strictly comply with the provisions of the Constitution, statutes, rules and regulations, including labor laws and standards.'
2. On the same page, line 41, insert a new Section 7 to read 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. Still on page 2, line 49, after the word 'immoral', insert a colon (:) and the phrase: **"PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT WILLFUL FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL CONSTITUTE A VALID CAUSE FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THIS FRANCHISE."**

The first paragraph of Section 8 shall now read as follows:

*"Sec. 8. Self-regulation by and Undertaking of Grantee. - The grantee shall not require any previous censorship of any speech, play, act or scene, or other matter to be broadcast from its stations, but if any such speech, play, act or scene, or other matter should constitute a violation of the law or infringement of a private right, the grantee shall be free from any liability, civil or criminal, for such speech, play, act or scene, or other matter: *Provided*, That the grantee, during any broadcast, shall cut off the airing of speech, play, act or scene, or other matter being broadcast if the tendency thereof is to propose and/or incite treason, rebellion or sedition; or the language used therein or the theme thereof is indecent or immoral: **PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT WILLFUL FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL CONSTITUTE A VALID CAUSE FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THIS FRANCHISE."***

1. On page 3, lines 29 and 30, delete the phrase 'its regularized employees and secure a compliance and clearance' and replace it with **'TRAINEES AND WORKERS WHOSE EMPLOYMENT STATUS ARE MADE REGULAR, AND APPEND THE APPROPRIATE'**

On the same page, lines 30 and 31, delete the phrase 'and its relevant attached agencies' and replace it with **'ATTESTING THAT IT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.'**

The last paragraph of the newly renumbered Section 10 shall now read as follows:

*"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 and Employment **ATTESTING THAT IT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION."***

4. On the same page, line 48, delete the word 'common' and replace it with **'OUTSTANDING CAPITAL'**.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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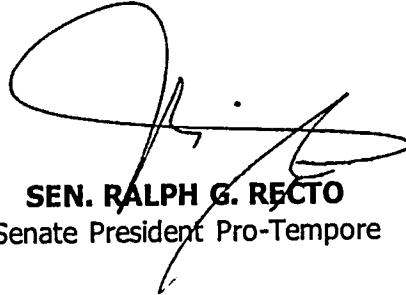
  
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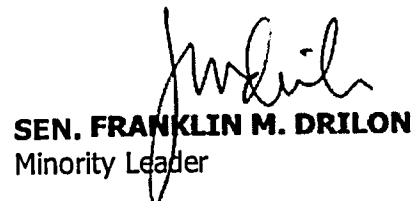
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