

# SENATE

## COMMITTEE REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by the Committee on Public Services on March 15, 22021

Re: House Bill No. 7616

Recommending its approval with amendments, taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 1462** 

Sponsor: Senator Grace Poe

## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Public Services, jointly with the Committee on Ways and Means, to which were referred **House Bill No. 7616**, introduced by **Representatives Go (M.)**, **Garcia (P. J.), Hofer, Vargas, Villanueva (E.), Rivera** and **Alvarez (F.)**, entitled:

### **AN ACT**

RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8160 TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND IN OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS OPERATIONS

and Senate Bill No. 1462, introduced by Sen. Joel Villanueva, entitled:

### AN ACT

RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND SUCH OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS OPERATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8160 TO ANOTHER TWENTY FIVE (25) YEARS have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that **House Bill No. 7616**, taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 1462**, be approved with the following amendments:

- 1. On page 2, Section 4, line 16, 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 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 page 3, line 27, insert a new Section 11 to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE AND PROMOTE THE **CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. - THE GRANTEE** SHALL CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND 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 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 ORDER AND EMPLOYEES, AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS CASUAL COMBINED, EXCEED FORTY PERCENT (40%) OF ITS TOTAL WORKFORCE: PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE GRANTEE SHALL FOLLOW THE APPLICABLE LABOR STANDARDS AND ALLOWANCE ENTITLEMENT UNDER EXISTING LABOR LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND SIMILAR ISSUANCES: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE GRANTEE SHALL FOLLOW APPLICABLE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OTHER SIMILAR **ISSUANCES.**"

Renumber the succeeding provisions accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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