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AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE  
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ZOE BROADCASTING, INC.,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7297,  
ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ZOE BROADCASTING  
NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL,  
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION  
BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 7968

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled.*

1           SECTION 1. *Renewal of Franchise.* – Subject to the provisions of the  
2   Constitution, the immediately succeeding section and applicable laws, rules  
3   and regulations, the franchise granted under Republic Act No. 7297, entitled  
4   "An Act Granting the ZOE Broadcasting Network, Inc. a Franchise to  
5   Construct, Install, Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting  
6   Stations Throughout the Philippines, and for Other Purposes", as amended by  
7   Republic Act No. 7968, to ZOE Broadcasting Network, Inc., hereunder  
8   referred to as the grantee, its successors or assignees, is hereby renewed for  
9   another twenty-five (25) years from the effectivity of this Act.

1           SEC. 2. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7297, as amended by Republic  
2 Act No. 7968, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           “SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* – Subject to the  
4 provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and  
5 regulations, there is hereby granted to the ZOE Broadcasting  
6 Network, Inc., its successors or [assigns] ASSIGNEES, hereunder  
7 referred to as the grantee, a franchise to construct, install, operate,  
8 and maintain, for commercial purposes and in the public interest,  
9 radio and television BROADCASTING stations throughout the  
10 Philippines, WHERE FREQUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE STILL  
11 AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND/OR TELEVISION BROADCASTING,  
12 INCLUDING DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION SYSTEM,  
13 THROUGH MICROWAVE, SATELLITE, OR WHATEVER MEANS, OR  
14 THE USE OF ANY TECHNOLOGIES IN TELEVISION AND RADIO  
15 SYSTEMS, with the corresponding TECHNOLOGICAL auxiliar[y]IES  
16 OR FACILITIES, special broadcast, and other program and  
17 distribution services, and relay stations, and to install radio  
18 communication facilities for the grantee’s private use in its  
19 broadcast services.”

20           SEC. 3. *Dispersal of Ownership.* – In accordance with the  
21 constitutional provision to encourage public participation in public utilities, the  
22 grantee shall offer to Filipino citizens at least thirty percent (30%) or a higher  
23 percentage that may hereafter be provided by law of its outstanding capital  
24 stock in any securities exchange in the Philippines within five (5) years from  
25 the commencement of its operations: *Provided*, That in cases where public  
26 offer of shares is not applicable, establishment of cooperatives and other  
27 methods of encouraging public participation by citizens and corporations

1 operating public utilities must be implemented. Noncompliance therewith  
2 shall render the franchise *ipso facto* revoked.

3 SEC. 4. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7297 on tax provisions is  
4 hereby repealed.

5 SEC. 5. *Adoption of Provisions Not Inconsistent with this Act.* – All  
6 other provisions of Republic Act No. 7297, as amended by Republic Act  
7 No. 7968, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall  
8 continue to be in full force and effect.

9 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any of the sections or provisions of  
10 this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain  
11 valid.

12 SEC. 7. *Repealability and Nonexclusivity Clause.* – This franchise  
13 shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress of the  
14 Philippines when the public interest so requires and shall not be interpreted as  
15 an exclusive grant of the privileges herein provided for.

16 SEC. 8. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from  
17 the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation  
18 in the Philippines.

Approved,

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