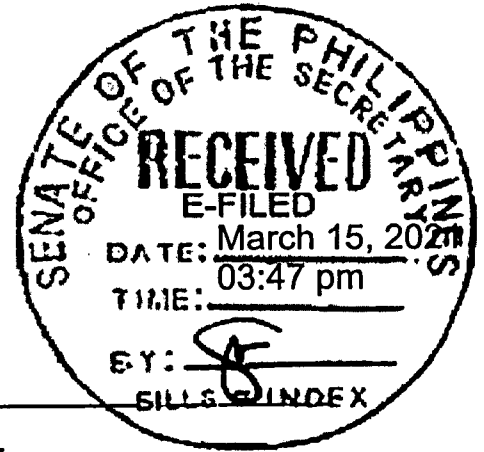


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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 207

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

Re: **House Bill No. 7615**

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: **Senator Grace Poe**

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Public Services, to which was referred **House Bill No. 7615**, introduced by **Representatives Romualdo, Maceda and Alvarez (F.)**, entitled:

AN ACT
GRANTING INSTANT DATA, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,
INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT 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 4, line 26, insert a new Section 9 to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. 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."

2. On page 5, line 10, after the word 'mechanism,' insert the phrase **"INCLUDING THE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROCESSES,"**

On the same page, lines 14 to 16, delete the last sentence.

Section 12 shall now read as follows:

"SEC. 12. *Mobile Number Portability.* – The grantee shall provide mobile number portability (MNP) and its implementing mechanism, **INCLUDING THE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROCESSES**, and shall interconnect, directly or indirectly, with the infrastructure, facilities, systems, or equipment of other telecommunications franchise grantees. It shall not install network features, functions, or capabilities that will impede the implementation of a nationwide MNP system."

3. On page 6, line 8, delete the word 'common' and replace it with '**OUTSTANDING CAPITAL**'.
4. On the same page, line 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 31 and 32, 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 16 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.**"

Respectfully submitted,


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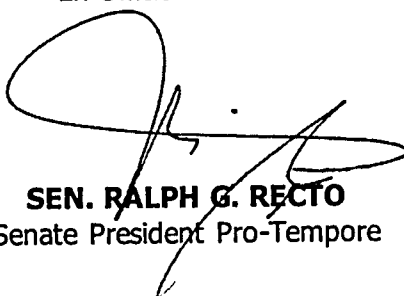


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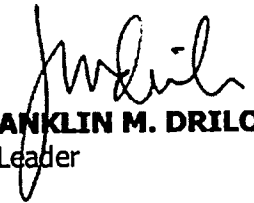
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