

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3352



Introduced by **Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Radio Mindanao Network (RMN) is known as the largest radio network in the Republic of the Philippines. It is composed of almost sixty (60) company-owned AM and FM radio stations located around the country. The network's first radio station, DXCC, was established in Cagayan De Oro City on August 28, 1952.

In April 1991, President Corazon Aquino signed into law Republic Act 6980 entitled "An Act Renewing the Franchise Granted to Radio Mindanao Network, Inc. under Republic Act 3122." This was the first broadcast franchise approved under President Aquino's term of office.

The aim of this legislative measure is to again renew the franchise given by the government to RMN so that it could continue its service to the nation through their expert broadcasting of news and public assistance to communities.

Immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE RADIO MINDANAO
NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 3122 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC
ACT 6980, TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF
APPROVAL OF THIS ACT

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

Section 1. The franchise granted to the Radio Mindanao Network, Inc. under Republic Act 3122 as amended by Republic Act 6980 is hereby renewed to another twenty-five (25) years from the date of approval of this Act.

Sec. 2. Subject to the provisions of Sec. 24 (c) of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the provisions of Executive Order No. 72, all other provisions, terms and conditions contained in Republic Act 3122 as amended by Republic Act 6980 are hereby made integral parts of this Act.

Sec. 3. In addition to the terms and conditions of the franchise as provided in Republic Act No. 3122 as amended by Republic Act 6980, the Radio Mindanao Network, Inc. shall submit an annual report of its operations to the Congress of the Republic of the Philippines.

Sec. 4. The franchise herein granted shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress when the common good so requires.

Sec. 5. The herein grantee shall comply with and be subject to the provisions of a general broadcast policy law that may hereafter be enacted.

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.