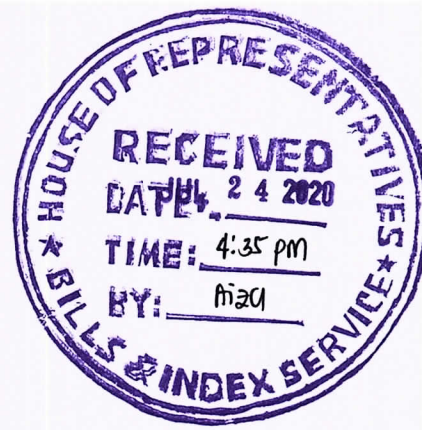


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The University of the Philippines (UP) is a renowned pillar in media and mass communication studies and is home to great talents in this industry. The franchise granted to UP to operate radio and TV stations help develop this standard. Among these stations are DZUP and other radio stations in the UP System.

DZUP is the official AM radio station of the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman. Since its inauguration in 1958, it has continued to serve as a platform for press freedom in the national university and as a resource and training ground for students, faculty, and practitioners in the media industry. DZUP programs espouse nationalism and knowledge by providing free information on various disciplines and research.

This bill seeks to renew the franchise granted to DZUP for another twenty-five years.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* – Subject to the provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, the franchise granted to the University of the Philippines under Republic Act No. 8160, entitled “An Act Granting the University of the Philippines System a Franchise 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 Such Other Areas Within the Scope of its Operation,” and hereunder referred to as the Grantee, is hereby renewed for another twenty-five (25) years from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 2. *Re-incorporated Provisions of Previous Franchise.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8160 which are not inconsistent with this Act shall remain in force and shall apply to this franchise.

SECTION 3. *Acceptance and Compliance.* – Acceptance of this renewed franchise shall be given in writing by the Grantee within sixty (60) days after

approval of this Act. Refusal or failure to accept the franchise or to operate within the prescribed period shall render the franchise void.

SECTION 4. *Tax Provision.* – Being a part of the government, the grantee shall be exempt from paying all taxes and fees.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any of the reasons or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SECTION 6. *Repealing and Non-exclusivity Clause.* – This franchise shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when the public interest so requires and shall not be interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges herein provided for.

SECTION 7. *General Broadcast Policy.* – The grantee shall comply with and be subject to the provision of a general broadcast policy law that may hereinafter be enacted

SECTION 8. *Reportorial Requirement.* – The grantee shall submit an annual report to the Congress of the Philippines on its own compliance with the terms and conditions of the franchise and its operations within sixty (60) days from the end of every year.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national paper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,