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HOUSE BILL NO. 7414

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representatives
EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA and DOMINGO C. RIVERA

**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**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The University of the Philippines (UP) is the center of excellence in mass media communication studies in the Philippines. The grant of franchise to UP to operate radio and TV stations enabled the university to maintain this standard. Among these stations are DZUP and other radio stations in the UP System.

DZUP, the official AM radio station of UP has been instrumental to this achievement. Since its inauguration on December 2, 1958, it has been the training ground for the promising students in mass communication in the University.

DZUP is also an educational, community radio station accessible both on air and online. The station is heard all over Metro Manila and as far as Cavite and Laguna down south, and Bulacan and Pampanga up north through 1602 kHz. It also has live audio streaming through dzup.org. The station's tagline "Kasali Ka" aims to convey the message that DZUP is not only for the UP community but also for everyone who

actively participates in *matinong usapan para sa maunlad na bayan*. The station can also be heard through online streaming.

DZUP, being a non-commercial station, has built a programming strategy that incorporates producers from within the UP community whose expertise and knowledge are shared to niche audiences for free. A scan through the various programs of the station proves the conscious effort of DZUP to provide a diversity of voices, opinions and concerns. It interrogates various discourses towards sustainable change grounded on research and varied knowledges. It also provides a platform to discuss various concerns, socio-cultural dynamics and other micro and macro issues in the political-economic landscape of the country.

DZUP programs also provide information on services offered by both UP and non-UP units and organizations; espouse advocacies, such as those in environmental conservation, animal rights, and gender rights; feature flagship programs that bring on air the courses taught in UP classrooms in an engaging, easy-to-understand manner; provides an avenue for alternative music and other music genres; and serves as a portal into important events that affect future generations of leaders of different spheres of society.

DZUP serves as the community radio station of the UP Diliman campus, which is the bastion of freedom of expression and academic freedom within UP. DZUP has been recognized by its peers, having been nominated several times for Best AM radio station (Metro Manila) in the *Kapisanan ng Mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas* (KBP) Golden Dove awards alongside giants in the radio industry.

To sustain its vital role, DZUP needs to continue to operate. Thus, there is an urgent need for the renewal of its franchise, which is set to expire on September 2020.


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

1 **SECTION 1. Nature and Scope of Franchise.** – Subject to the provisions of the 1987
2 Philippine Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, the franchise
3 granted to the University of the Philippines under Republic Act No. 8160, entitled "An
4 Act Granting the University of the Philippines System a Franchise to Construct,
5 Establish, Maintain and Operate for Educational, and Other Related Purposes Radio
6 and Television Broadcasting Stations within the University of the Philippines and in
7 Such Other Areas Within the Scope of its Operation," and hereunder referred to as the
8 grantee, is hereby renewed for another twenty five (25) years from the effectivity of
9 this Act.
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1 **SEC. 2. Re-incorporated Provisions of Previous Franchise.** – The provisions of
2 Republic Act No. 8160 which are not inconsistent with this Act shall remain in force
3 and shall apply to this franchise.
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5 **SEC. 3. Acceptance and Compliance.** – Acceptance of this renewed franchise shall
6 be given in writing by the grantee within sixty (60) days after approval of this Act.
7 Refusal or failure to accept the franchise or to operate within the prescribed period
8 shall render the franchise void.
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10 **SEC. 4. Tax Provision.** – Being a part of the government, the grantee shall be exempt
11 from paying all taxes and fees.
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13 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** – If any of the reasons or provisions of this Act is held
14 invalid, all the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.
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16 **SEC. 6. Repealing and Non-Exclusivity Clause.** – This franchise shall be subject to
17 amendment, alteration or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when the public
18 interest so requires and shall not be interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges
19 herein provided for.
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21 **SEC. 7. General Broadcast Policy.** – The grantee shall comply with and be subject
22 to the provision of a general broadcast policy law that may hereinafter be enacted.
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24 **SEC. 8. Reportorial Requirement.** – The grantee shall submit an annual report to the
25 Congress of the Philippines on its own compliance with the terms and conditions of
26 the franchise and its operations within sixty (60) days from the end of every year.
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28 **SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
29 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.
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31 **Approved,**