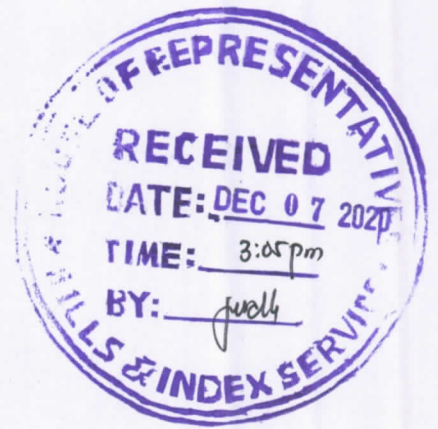


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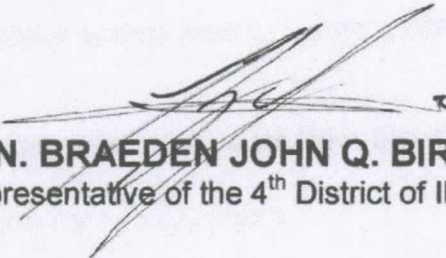
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This house bill seeks to extend and/or renew the legislative franchise issued in favor of the PEC Broadcasting Corporation, a 100% Filipino corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, under Republic Act No. 8685 entitled, "AN ACT GRANTING PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES".

Republic Act No. 8685 lapsed into law on June 25, 1998, without the signature of the President. By virtue thereof, PEC Broadcasting Corp. immediately implemented its franchise. Since then, it has operated several television and radio stations nationwide in service to the public. The said franchise was granted for a period of twenty-five (25) years, therefore, it will expire on June 25, 2023.

Thus, in order to continue to serve the public and to operate its stations, PEC Broadcasting Corp. urgently needs this franchise to be extended or renewed.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


HON. BRAEDEN JOHN Q. BIRON
Representative of the 4th District of Iloilo

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Introduced by **HON. BRAEDEN JOHN Q. BIRON**

**AN ACT AMENDING THE RADIO AND TELEVISION FRANCHISE GRANTED TO
PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8685,
ENTITLED: "AN ACT GRANTING PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A
FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE
RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES", BY EXTENDING ITS
TERM FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS**

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

Section 1. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8685 entitled: "AN ACT GRANTING THE PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Term of Franchise. – This franchise shall be for a term of twenty-five (25) years, unless sooner revoked or cancelled, starting on June 25, 2023 and ending on June 25, 2048. This franchise shall be deemed *ipso facto* revoked in the event the grantee fails to comply with any of the following conditions:

- (a) Commence operations within one (1) year from the approval of its permit by the National Telecommunications Commission;
- (b) Operate continuously for two (2) years; and
- (c) Commence operations within three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act."

Section 2. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved: _____.