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House Bill No. 9198

INTRODUCED BY
REPRESENTATIVE CESAR “JAWO” L. JIMENEZ, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to amend RA 9383 granting to the Universidad de Zamboanga (UZ) a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain radio broadcast stations on the territory of Ipil, Zamboanga, Sibugay for commercial and educational purposes in the public interest.

The proposed bill seeks to amend the language of relevant Sections of RA 9383 to add television stations. And to amend the area of coverage beyond Ipil, to include the whole of territory of the Zamboanga Peninsula.

UZ has a total of seven campuses: 5 in Zamboanga City; one in in Zambaonga Sibugay, and one in Pagadian City.

Since 2006, the University has demonstrated a commitment to improve and expand educational resources and availability to the youth of Zamboanga peninsula. The University has a consistent track record providing quality, informational, programming, informed by the public interest. UZ’s broadcast content has provided relevant, time-sensitive and timely, social information on issues of relevance to our nation. Its participation in the broadcast space has proven a competency to provide in a positive aspect the shaping of social values for the whole of Zamboanga.

The fruitful combination of educational institutions and broadcasting technologies is a hallmark of any free society, based upon democratic principles of governance. It produces a win-win situation for all stakeholders involved – the institute, the student-body, the public at large.

In its endeavor to advance and strengthen capacity to deliver a public service to the Filipino people, UZ now seeks license to expand the scope and reach of its media franchise and public service programming to the whole of Zamboanga Peninsula.

In this way, Universidad de Zamboanga can fully and more efficiently deploy its capital and resources – financial & human – invested therein, to ensure a seamless, uniform, uninterrupted, provincial-wide reach of its public service mission to the Filipino people in an ongoing effort to enrich, enhance, and improve the broadcasting infrastructure in the Province and beyond.

With the view that Universidad de Zamboanga will continue to improve its present course, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO UNIVERSIDAD DE
ZAMBOANGA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9383, EXPANDING THE
COVERAGE OF ITS FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND
OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING
THROUGHOUT THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Nature and Scope of Franchise. – Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to Universidad de Zamboanga, hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assignees, a franchise to construct, maintain and operate for commercial and educational purposes and in the public interest, radio *AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA*, at such place as the grantee may select and the National Telecommunications Commission may approve, and where frequencies *AND CHANNELS* are still available for radio *AND TELEVISION*

broadcasting, through microwave, satellite or whatever means, including the use of any new technologies in radio *AND TELEVISION SYSTEMS*, with corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities, special broadcast and other program and distribution services and relay stations.

SECTION 2. Repealability 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 3. Separability Clause. – If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, resolutions, instructions, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are thereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,