

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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INTRODUCED BY: REP. FERJENEL G. BIRON, M.D.

HOUSE BILL NO. **4106**

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 THE 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 and now continues to operate several television and radio stations nationwide. Under the said law, the franchise shall be for a term of twenty-five (25) years from date of effectivity of the act, hence it will expire on June 25, 2023.

Thus, PEC Broadcasting Corp. urgently needs this franchise to continue to serve the public and to operate its stations in the country.

This same bill was filed by Rep. Braeden John Q. Biron in the 18th Congress and referred to the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Introduced by: **REP.FERJENEL G. BIRON, M.D.**

AN ACT

AMENDING THE RADIO AND TELEVISION FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8685, ENTITLED: “AN ACT GRANTING THE PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING 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 BROADCASTING 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 years, unless sooner revoked or cancelled, starting in June 25, 2023 and ending in 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 operating permit from the NTC;
- (b) Commence operations within three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act; and
- (c) Operate continuously for two (2) years.

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

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