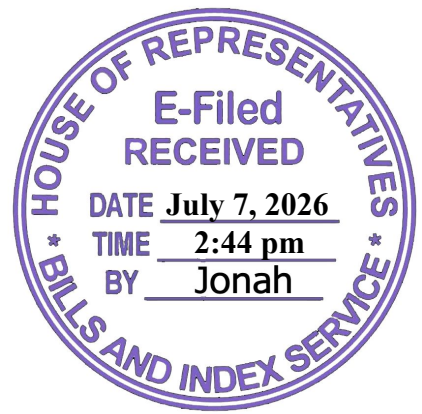


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 485**

Submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises on July 7, 2026.

Re: House Bill No. 10034

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3560

Sponsors: Representatives Jeffrey P. Ferrer and Maria Carmen S. Zamora

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Legislative Franchises to which was referred House Bill No. 3560, introduced by Representative Maria Carmen S. Zamora, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING Y2H BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN DIPOLOG CITY, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND PAGADIAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 10034, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING Y2H BROADCASTING NETWORK INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE CITY OF DIPOLOG, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, THE CITY OF PAGADIAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3560 with Representatives Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Jeffrey P. Ferrer, and Roy M. Gonzales as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

  
**REP. JEFFREY P. FERRER**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Legislative Franchises

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HOUSE BILL NO. **10034**

(in substitution of House Bill No. 3560)

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Introduced by: Representatives Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Jeffrey P. Ferrer, and  
Roy M. Gonzales

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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING Y2H BROADCASTING NETWORK INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE**  
**TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO**  
**BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE CITY OF DIPOLOG, ZAMBOANGA DEL**  
**NORTE, THE CITY OF PAGADIAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AND OTHER AREAS**  
**IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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

1       **Section 1. Nature and Scope of Franchise.**– Subject to the provisions of the  
2 Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to Y2H  
3 Broadcasting Network Incorporated, hereunder referred to as the Grantee, its  
4 successors or assignees, a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate and  
5 maintain for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting  
6 stations in the City of Dipolog, Zamboanga Del Norte, the City of Pagadian,  
7 Zamboanga Del Sur, and other areas in the Philippines, where frequencies and/or  
8 channels are still available for radio broadcasting, utilizing any new technology or  
9 innovations in radio systems, with corresponding technological auxiliaries or facilities,  
10 special broadcast and other programs, and distribution services and relay stations,  
11 and install radio communications facilities for the Grantee's private use in its broadcast  
12 services.

13       **Sec. 2. Manner of Operation of Stations or Facilities.**– The stations or  
14 facilities of the Grantee shall be constructed and operated in a manner as will, at most,  
15 result only in the minimum interference on wavelengths or frequencies of existing  
16 stations or other stations which may be established by law, without in any way  
17 diminishing its own privilege to use its assigned wavelengths or frequencies and the  
18 quality of transmission or reception thereon as should maximize rendition of the

Grantee's services and/or the availability thereof.

**Sec. 3. Prior Approval of the National Telecommunications Commission.**

– The Grantee shall secure from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) the appropriate permits and licenses for the construction and operation of its stations and facilities and shall not use any frequency in the radio/television spectrum without having been authorized by the NTC. The NTC, however, shall not unreasonably withhold or delay the grant of any such authority.

In case of any violation of the provisions of this franchise, the NTC shall have the authority to revoke or suspend, after due process, the permits or licenses it issued pursuant to the franchise. The NTC may recommend to Congress of the Philippines the revocation of the franchise for any violation of the provisions of this franchise.

**Sec. 4. Responsibility to the Public.**–The Grantee shall provide, free of

charge, adequate public service time which is reasonable and sufficient to enable the government, through the broadcasting stations or facilities of the Grantee, to reach the pertinent populations or portions thereof, on important public issues and relay important public announcements and warnings concerning public emergencies and calamities, as necessity, urgency, or law may require; provide at all times sound and balanced programming; conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; promote public participation; assist in the functions of public information and education; promote audience sensibility and empowerment including closed captioning; and not use its stations or facilities for the broadcasting of obscene and indecent language, speech, act or scene, the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, to the detriment of the public interest, or to incite, encourage or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

Public service time referred herein shall be equivalent to a maximum aggregate of ten percent (10%) of paid commercials or advertisements which shall be allocated based on need to the Executive and Legislative branches, the Judiciary, Constitutional Commissions, and international humanitarian organizations duly recognized by statutes: *Provided*, That the NTC shall increase the public service time in case of extreme emergency or calamity. The NTC shall issue rules and regulations for this purpose, the effectivity of which shall commence upon applicability with other similarly situated broadcast network franchise holders.

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 8370, otherwise known as the "Children's Television Act of 1997", the Grantee shall allot a minimum fifteen percent (15%) of the daily total airtime of each broadcasting network or station to child-friendly shows within its regular programming.

**Sec. 5. Right of Government.**– The radio spectrum is a finite resource that is

a part of the national patrimony and the use thereof is a privilege conferred upon the

Grantee by the State and may be withdrawn anytime after due process.

A special right is hereby reserved to the President of the Philippines, in times of war, rebellion, public peril, calamity, emergency, disaster or disturbance of peace and order, to temporarily take over and operate the stations or facilities of the Grantee, to temporarily suspend the operation of any station or facility in the interest of public safety, security and public welfare, or to authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any agency of the government, upon due compensation to the Grantee, for the use of said stations or facilities during the period when they shall be so operated.

**Sec. 6. Term of Franchise.**— This franchise shall be for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date of effectivity of this Act, unless sooner revoked or cancelled. 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 three (3) years from the approval of its operating permit by the NTC;
- b. Commence operations within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act; and
- c. Operate continuously for two (2) years.

**Sec. 7. Self-regulation by and Undertaking of Grantee.**— The Grantee shall not require any previous censorship of any speech, play, act or scene, or other matter to be broadcast from its stations, but if any speech, play, act or scene, or other matter should constitute a violation of the law or infringement of a private right, the Grantee shall be free from any liability, civil or criminal, for such speech, play, act or scene, or other matter: *Provided*, That the Grantee, during any broadcast, shall cut off the airing of speech, play, act or scene, or other matter being broadcast if the tendency thereof is to propose and/or incite treason, rebellion or sedition; or the language used therein or the theme thereof is indecent or immoral: *Provided, further*, That willful failure to do so shall constitute a valid cause for the cancellation of this franchise.

**Sec. 8. Warranty in Favor of the National and Local Governments.**— The Grantee shall hold the national, provincial, city, and municipal governments of the Philippines free from all claims, liabilities, demands, or actions arising out of accidents, causing injury to persons or damage to properties, during the construction or operation of the stations of the Grantee.

**Sec. 9. Commitment to Provide and Promote the Creation of Employment Opportunities.**— The Grantee shall create employment opportunities and shall allow on-the-job training in its franchise operation: *Provided*, That priority shall be accorded to the residents of the place where its principal office is located: *Provided, further*, That the Grantee shall follow the applicable labor standards and allowance entitlement

under existing labor laws, rules and regulations and similar issuances.

The employment opportunities or jobs created shall be reflected in the General Information Sheet (GIS) of the Grantee to be submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) annually.

**Sec. 10. Sale, Lease, Transfer, Usufruct, or Assignment of Franchise.**

– – The Grantee shall not sell, lease, transfer, grant the usufruct of, or assign this franchise or the rights and privileges acquired thereunder to any person, firm, company, corporation, or other commercial or legal entity, or merge with any other corporation, or entity, or transfer the controlling interest of the Grantee, whether as a whole or in part, and whether simultaneously or contemporaneously, to any such person, firm, company, corporation, or entity without the prior approval of Congress: *Provided*, That Congress shall be informed of any sale, lease, transfer, grant of usufruct, or assignment of franchise or the rights and privileges acquired thereunder, or of the merger, or transfer of the controlling interest within sixty (60) days after the completion of said transaction: *Provided, further*, That any such sale, transfer, or assignment is in accordance with the constitutional limitations: *Provided, furthermore*, That failure to report to Congress such change of ownership shall render the franchise *ipso facto* revoked: *Provided, finally*, That any person or entity to which this franchise is sold, transferred, or assigned, shall be subject to the same conditions, terms, restrictions, and limitations of this Act.

**Sec. 11. Dispersal of Ownership.**– In accordance with the constitutional

provision encouraging public participation in public utilities, the Grantee shall offer to Filipino citizens at least thirty percent (30%) of its outstanding capital stock, or a higher percentage that may hereafter be provided by law, in any securities exchange in the Philippines within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act: *Provided*, That in cases where public shares is not applicable, other methods of encouraging public participation by citizens and corporations operating public utilities must be implemented. Noncompliance therewith shall render the franchise *ipso facto* revoked.

**Sec. 12. Reportorial Requirement.**– The Grantee shall submit an annual

report to the Congress of the Philippines, through the Committee on Legislative Franchises of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Public Services of the Senate, on its compliance with the terms and conditions of this franchise and on its operations on or before April 30 of every year during the term of its franchise.

The annual report shall include an update on the roll-out, development, operation and/or expansion of business; audited financial statements; latest GIS officially submitted to the SEC, if applicable; certification of the NTC on the status of its permits and operations; and an update on the dispersal of ownership undertaking, if applicable.

1           The reportorial compliance certificate issued by Congress shall be required  
2 before any application for permit or certificate is accepted by the NTC.

3           **Sec.13. *Fine.***– The failure of the Grantee to submit the requisite annual report  
4 to Congress shall be penalized with a fine in the amount of Five hundred pesos  
5 (P500.00) per working day of non-compliance which shall be collected by the NTC.  
6 The fine shall be collected separately from the reportorial penalties imposed by the  
7 NTC and shall be remitted to the Bureau of the Treasury.

8           **Sec.14. *Equality Clause.***– Any advantage, favor, privilege, exemption, or  
9 immunity granted under existing franchises, or which may hereafter be granted, upon  
10 prior review and approval of Congress, shall become part of this franchise and shall  
11 be accorded immediately and unconditionally to herein Grantee: *Provided, however,*  
12 That the foregoing shall neither apply to nor affect provisions concerning territory  
13 covered by the franchise, the term of the franchise, or the type of service authorized  
14 by the franchise: *Provided, further,* That the foregoing shall not apply to the sale, lease,  
15 transfer, grant of usufruct, or assignment of legislative franchises with prior  
16 congressional approval.

17           **Sec.15. *Repealability and Non-exclusivity Clause.***–This franchise shall be  
18 subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by Congress when public interest so  
19 requires and shall not be interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges herein  
20 provided.

21           **Sec.16. *Separability Clause.***–If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is  
22 held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

23           **Sec.17. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,  
24 letters of instruction, administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are  
25 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or  
26 modified accordingly.

27           **Sec.18. *Effectivity.***– This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
28 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*

## FACT SHEET

House Bill No. **10034**  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3560)  
(Approved by the Committee on 20 May 2026)

### AN ACT

## GRANTING Y2H BROADCASTING NETWORK INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE CITY OF DIPOLOG, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, THE CITY OF PAGADIAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES

*Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVES MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA, JEFFREY P. FERRER, and ROY M. GONZALES***

*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES**  
Committee Chairperson: **HON. JEFFREY P. FERRER***

### OBJECTIVE:

- To authorize the Y2H Broadcasting Network Incorporated (YBNI) to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain commercial radio broadcasting stations in the City of Dipolog, Zamboanga Del Norte, the City of Pagadian, Zamboanga Del Sur, and other areas in the Philippines.

### KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants the YBNI a franchise for twenty-five (25) years to operate commercial radio broadcasting in the Philippines;
- Mandates the Grantee to secure the appropriate permits and licenses for the construction, installation and operation of its radio stations or facilities from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC);
- Requires the Grantee to provide an adequate public service time equivalent to a maximum aggregate of ten percent (10%) of the paid advertisements, to inform the population on important public issues and assist in the performance of the functions of public information and education;
- Requires the Grantee to allot a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the daily total airtime of each broadcasting network or station to child-friendly shows within its regular programming;
- Prohibits the Grantee to use its stations for the broadcasting of obscene and indecent language, speech, act or scene or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to incite, encourage, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts;

- Reserves the right of the President of the Philippines to temporarily take over and operate the stations or facilities of the Grantee, to temporarily suspend the operation of any station or facility in the interest of public safety, security and public welfare, or to authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any agency of the government in times of war, rebellion, public peril, calamity, emergency, disaster or disturbance of peace and order;
- Provides that the national and local governments shall not be held liable for any damage to properties or injury to persons caused by accidents during construction or operation of the stations;
- Prohibits the Grantee from selling, leasing, transferring, granting the usufruct or assigning the franchise or the controlling interest thereof without the prior approval of Congress;
- Requires the Grantee to submit an annual report to Congress on its compliance with the terms and conditions of the franchise and its operation on or before April 30 of every year;
- Imposes a fine in the amount of Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per working day of noncompliance in the submission of its annual report to Congress and to be collected separately from the reportorial penalties imposed by the NTC; and
- Provides an equality clause which aims to grant existing and potential franchise grantees equal privilege.

#### **RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act No. 8370, otherwise known as the “Children’s Television Act of 1997