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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 211

Submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises on MAY 03 2017.

Re: House Bill No. 4136

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Franz E. Alvarez and Benhur L. Salimbangon

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on Legislative Franchises to which was referred House Bill No. 4290, introduced by Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon, entitled:

"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7816 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

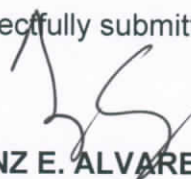
has considered the same and recommends its approval with the following amendments:

- a. On page 1, line 6, after the word "or", delete the word "assigns" and replace with the word "assignee";
- b. On the same page and line, delete the phrase "a franchise";
- c. On Page 2, line 26, insert the word "the" before the word "Government";
- d. On page 3, line 27 to 28, delete the phrase "or injuries, whether to property or to persons, caused by the", and replace with the phrase "causing injuries to persons or damage to properties during the";
- e. On page 4, line 14, after the word "Clause.-", insert the phrase "Except for taxes and customs duties," and change to lower case the letter "A" in the word "any";

- f. On the same page, after line 28, insert a new section 16 to read as follows:
Sec. 16 Repealing Clause - "All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly."
- g. On same page, line 29, renumber Section 16 to Section 17.

with Reps. Benhur L. Salimbangon and Franz E. Alvarez as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



FRANZ E. ALVAREZ
Chairman
Committee on Legislative Franchises

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FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 4136
(As approved on March 15, 2017)

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Introduced by: **HON. BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON**

Committee Referral: **LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES**
Committee Chairperson: **HON. FRANZ E. ALVAREZ**

OBJECTIVE:

- To continue the efficient and effective public service of the Manila Broadcasting Company (MBC)

• **KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Allows MBC to continuously operate and maintain radio and television broadcasting facilities in the Philippines for another twenty five (25) years;
- Requires the grantee to provide the government adequate public service time to enable it to reach the population on important public issues and assist in the functions of public information and education;
- 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;
- Gives the President of the Philippines the right 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

- Prohibits the grantee from leasing, transferring, selling nor assigning the franchise or the controlling interest thereof without the prior approval of the Congress of the Philippines;
- Requires the grantee to continue its public offering to the Filipino citizens as required by the Constitution.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 3846 – “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF RADIO STATIONS AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
- REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7816 - “AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR OTHER PURPOSES”