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**HOUSE BILL NO. 6351**



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Introduced by:  
**REPRESENTATIVES YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ and  
FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


This bill seeks to expand the coverage of franchise granted to Philippine Collective Media Corporation (PCMC) to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain radio and television broadcasting stations.

PCMC has been in operation since 2009 and since then, the company has consistently provided top-rated and noteworthy programs to the people in Region VIII. It is the only local television station and a pioneer in radio station in the Eastern Visayas. At present, the network produces and airs local programming, including new programs, lifestyle, entertainment programs and reality programs.

In its commitment to provide innovative ways to deliver public service to the Filipino people, PCMC intends to expand the scope of its franchise nationwide, to fully utilize the capital invested therein, to ensure the uninterrupted, nationwide and improved delivery of its services to the Filipino people, to fully assist the government in disseminating information to the people, and to enrich, enhance, and improve the broadcasting system in the country.

With the view that PCMC will continue and improve its present course, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE COLLECTIVE MEDIA  
CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9773 TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE  
OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 Philippine Collective media Corporation, hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio and/or television broadcasting stations in [Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)] THE PHILIPPINES, where frequencies and/or channels are still available for radio and/or television broadcasting, through microwave, satellite or whatever means, including the use of any new technologies in radio and television broadcasting, with the corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities, special broadcast and other program and distribution services and relay stations.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 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,