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**AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CRUSADERS  
BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8091**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

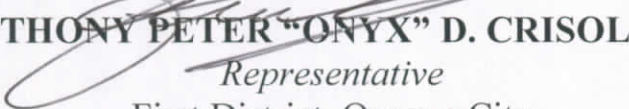
For almost five (5) decades in the radio industry, Crusaders Broadcasting System, Inc. DWAD 1098 KHz; a corporation duly existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines since 1973, has been consistent in providing services that are honest and value-laden. It has remained strong and steadfast in promulgating true and reliable news and information, and has fervently empowered its listeners through the word of God by promoting trust, unity, and equality.

Crusaders Broadcasting System, Inc. DWAD 1098 KHz has diligently complied with the requirements of the Congress and has never been remiss in its obligations. On July 6, 2020, its legislative franchise is set to expire. However, after many years of using its platform to encourage love for oneself, personal development, and healing to its audience, it became determined to renew its radio franchise to further continue its operation to serve and uplift the Filipino people.

It has performed its functions dutifully as a radio station and has persistently offered its services to the public. At the moment, Crusaders Broadcasting System, Inc. DWAD 1098 KHz has already completed all the necessary requirements for the intended renewal of its legislative franchise.

May we all stay dedicated to our duties as public servants and continue supporting those who wish to uphold the well-being of the Filipino people.

Support on this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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18                                *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*  
19                                *Philippines in Congress assembled:*  
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21                                SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* – Subject to the  
22                                provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and applicable laws,  
23                                rules and regulations, the franchise granted to CRUSADERS  
24                                BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., hereunder referred to as the  
25                                grantee, its successors or assignees, under Republic Act No. 8091  
26                                ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING CRUSADERS  
27                                BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,  
28                                ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO  
29                                AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE  
30                                PHILIPPINES”, to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain for  
31                                commercial purposes and in the public interest radio and/or television  
32                                broadcasting stations, where frequencies and/or channels are still  
33                                available for radio and/or television broadcasting, including digital  
34                                television system, through microwave, satellite or whatever means  
35                                including the use of any new technologies in television and radio  
36                                systems, with the corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities,  
37                                special broadcast and other program and distribution services and relay  
38                                stations in the Philippines, is hereby renewed for another twenty-five  
39                                (25) years from the effectivity of this Act.  
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41                                SEC. 2. *Manner of Operation of Stations or Facilities.* – The  
42                                station or facilities of the grantee shall be constructed and operated in a  
43                                manner as will, at most, result only in the minimum interference on the  
44                                wavelengths or frequencies of exiting stations or other stations which  
45                                may be established by law, without in any way diminishing its own  
46                                privilege to use its assigned wavelengths or frequencies and the quality  
47                                of transmission or reception thereon as should maximize rendition of  
48                                the grantee’s services and/or the availability thereof.  
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1           SEC. 3. *Prior Approval of the National Telecommunications*  
2 *Commission.*— The grantee shall secure from the National  
3 Telecommunications Commission (NTC) the appropriate permits and  
4 licenses for the construction and operation of its stations and facilities  
5 and shall not use any frequency in the radio/television spectrum without  
6 authorization from the NTC. The NTC, however, shall not  
7 unreasonably withhold or delay the grant of any such authority.

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9           SEC. 4. *Responsibility to the Public.* — The grantee shall provide  
10 adequate public reach the population on important public issues;  
11 provide at all times sounds and balanced programming; assists in  
12 functions of public information and education; conform to the ethics  
13 of honest enterprises; and not use its stations and facilities for the  
14 broadcasting of obscene and indecent language, speech, act, or scene,  
15 or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful  
16 misrepresentation, to the detriment of the public interest, or to incite,  
17 encourage, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

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19           SEC. 5. *Right of Government.* — A special right is hereby reserved  
20 to the President of the Philippines, in times of war, rebellion, public  
21 peril, calamity, emergency, disaster or disturbance of peace and order,  
22 to temporarily take over and operate the stations or facilities of the  
23 grantee; to temporarily suspend the operation of any station or facility  
24 in the interest of public safety, security and public welfare; or to  
25 authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any agency of  
26 the government, upon due compensation to the grantee, for the use of  
27 its stations or facilities during the period when they shall be so  
28 operated.

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30           The radio spectrum is a finite resource that is part of the national  
31 patrimony and the use thereof is a privilege conferred upon the grantee  
32 by the State and may be withdrawn anytime after due process.

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34           SEC. 6. *Term of Franchise.* — This franchise shall be in effect  
35 for a period of twenty five (25 years) from the effectivity of the Act,  
36 unless sooner revoked or cancelled. This franchise shall be deemed  
37 *ipso facto* revoked in the event the grantee fails to operate  
38 continuously for two (2) years.

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40           SEC. 7. *Acceptance and Compliance.* — Acceptance of this new  
41 franchise shall be given in writing to the Congress of the Philippines,  
42 through the Committee on Legislative Franchises of the House of  
43 Representative and the Committee on Public Services of the Senate,  
44 within Sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act. Upon giving  
45 such acceptance, the grantee shall exercise the privileges granted  
46 under this Act. Nonacceptance shall render the franchise void.

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48           SEC. 8. *Self-regulation by and Undertaking of Grantee.* — The  
49 grantee shall not require any previous censorship of any speech, play,



1 act or scene, or other matter to be broadcast from its stations:  
2 *Provided*, That the grantee, during any broadcast, shall cut off from  
3 the air the speech, play, act or scene, or other matter being broadcast  
4 if the tendency thereof is to propose and/or incite treason, rebellion or  
5 sedition; or the language used therein is indecent or immoral:  
6 *Provided, further*, That willful failure to do so shall constitute a valid  
7 cause for the cancellation of this franchise.

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9 SEC. 9. *Warranty in Favor of National and Local Governments.*

10 – The grantee shall hold the national, provincial, city and municipal  
11 governments of the Philippines free from all claims, accounts,  
12 demands, or actions arising out of accidents or injuries, whether to  
13 property or to persons, caused by the construction or operation of the  
14 stations of the grantee.

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16 SEC.10. *Sale, Lease, Transfer, Grant of Usufruct, or*  
17 *Assignment of Franchise.* – The grantee shall not lease, transfer, grant  
18 the usufruct of, sell nor assign this franchise or the rights and privileges  
19 acquired thereunder to any person, firm, company, corporation or other  
20 commercial or legal entity, nor merge with any other corporation or  
21 entity, nor shall transfer the controlling interest of the grantee, whether  
22 as a whole or in parts, and whether simultaneously or  
23 contemporaneously, to any such person, firm, company, corporation or  
24 entity without prior approval of the Congress of the Philippines:  
25 *Provided*, That Congress shall be informed of any sale, lease, transfer,  
26 grant of usufruct of, or assignment of franchise or the rights of  
27 privileges acquired thereunder, or the merger or transfer of the  
28 controlling interest of the grantee, within sixty (60) days after the  
29 completion of said transaction: *Provided, further*, That failure to report  
30 to Congress such change of ownership shall render the franchise ipso  
31 facto revoked: *Provided, finally* That any person or entity to which to  
32 which this franchise is sold, transferred or assigned, shall be subject to  
33 the same conditions, terms, restrictions, and limitations of this Act.

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35 SEC. 11. *Dispersal of Ownership.* In accordance with the  
36 constitutional provision to encourage public participation in public  
37 utilities, the grantee shall offer to Filipino citizens at least thirty per cent  
38 (30%) or a higher percentage that may hereafter be provided by law of  
39 its outstanding capital stock in any securities exchange in the  
40 Philippines within five (5) years from the commencement of its  
41 operations: *Provided*, That in cases where public offer of shares is not  
42 applicable, establishment of cooperatives and other methods of  
43 encouraging public participation by citizens and corporations operating  
44 public utilities must be implemented. Noncompliance therewith shall  
45 render the franchise *ipso facto* revoked.

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47 SEC. 12. *General Broadcast Policy Law.* – The grantee shall  
48 comply with and be subject to the provisions of a general broadcast  
49 policy law, which Congress may hereafter enact.

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2 SEC. 13. *Reportorial Requirement.* – The grantee shall submit  
3 an annual report to the Congress of the Philippines, through the  
4 Committee on Legislative Franchises of the House of Representatives  
5 and the Committee on Public Services of the Senate, on its compliance  
6 with the terms and conditions of the franchise and on its operations on  
7 or before April 30 of every year during the term of its franchise. This  
8 reportorial certificate issued by Congress shall be required before any  
9 application for permit or certificate is accepted by the NTC.

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11 SEC. 14. *Penalty Causes.* – Failure of the grantee to submit the  
12 requisite annual report to Congress will be penalized by a fine in the  
13 amount of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) per working day of  
14 noncompliance. The fine will be collected by the NTC from the  
15 delinquent franchise grantee separate from the reportorial penalties  
16 imposed by the NTC.

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18 SEC 15. *Equality Clause.* – Any advantage, favor, privilege,  
19 exemption or immunity granted under existing franchises, or which  
20 may hereafter be granted for radio and/or television broadcasting, upon  
21 prior review and approval of Congress, shall become part of this  
22 franchise and shall be accorded immediately and unconditionally to the  
23 herein grantee: Provided, That the foregoing shall neither apply to nor  
24 affect the provisions of broadcasting franchises concerning territory  
25 covered by the franchise, the life span of the franchise or the type of  
26 service authorized by the franchise.

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28 SEC.16. *Separability Clause.* – If any of the sections or  
29 provisions of this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected  
30 thereby shall remain valid.

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32 SEC 17. *Responsibility and Nonexclusivity Clause.* – This  
33 franchise shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the  
34 Congress of the Philippines when the public interest so requires and  
35 shall not be interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges herein  
36 provided for.

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

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42 Approved, \_\_\_\_\_  
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