

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10390, March 14, 2013]

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7306, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S TELEVISION NETWORK, INCORPORATED, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ITS SOURCES OF FUNDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

TITLE I. – GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as "An Act Revitalizing the People's Television Network, Incorporated".

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – In consonance with the Constitutional recognition of the vital role of communication and information in nation-building, and the important aspect played by the broadcasting industry, it is hereby declared as the policy of the State to:

"(a) Fully develop communication structures suitable to the needs and aspirations of the nation and in accordance with a policy that respects the freedom of speech and of the press;

"(b) Give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

"(c) Develop the broadcasting industry as a medium for the development, promotion and advancement of Filipino nationalism, culture and values that serve as an instrument in the struggle for Filipino sovereignty, identity, national unity and integration;

"(d) Harness the resources of the government and the private sector towards a close, continuous and balanced cooperation in order to take advantage of technological advances in the broadcasting industry;

"(e) Maintain a broadcast industry system that serves as a vital link for participative democracy and effective government information dissemination through developmental communication, free from any political or partisan influence and held accountable directly to the people;

"(f) Encourage the development and broadcast of balanced programs which feature, among others, educational, wholesome entertainment, cultural, public affairs and sports; and

"(g) Provide quality alternative programs for the benefit and moral upliftment of the citizenry."

TITLE II. – CREATION AND DOMICILE

SEC. 3. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Domicile.* – The Network shall have its principal office and domicile in the Metropolitan Manila area. It may also establish offices, branches and/or stations in any part of the Philippines as its Board of Directors may see fit.

"The President, upon the recommendation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and its agencies particularly the Land Management Bureau and the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, shall identify and appropriate alienable and disposable lands for the Network to establish and build its main broadcast center and major provincial stations."

TITLE IV. – POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

SEC. 4. Subsections (e) and (h) of Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Powers of the Network.* – The Network shall have the following powers:

"(a) to sue or be sued in its corporate name;

"(b) to have continuous succession in its corporate name;

"(c) to adopt and use a corporate seal;

"(d) to adopt by laws, not contrary to law, morals, or public policy, and to amend or repeal the same in accordance with the provisions of existing laws;

"(e) to acquire, purchase, receive, take or grant, hold, convey, sell, lease, pledge, mortgage and otherwise deal with such real and personal property;

"(f) to establish, purchase, install, construct, use and maintain national, regional, provincial and community stations and facilities for television broadcasting throughout and in any part of the country;

"(g) to enter into joint ventures or partnerships with other broadcasting authorities and stations or international agencies or private organizations for the purpose of promoting its broadcasting services;

"(h) to raise, borrow or obtain funds, from any source, private or government, foreign or domestic and to enter into any financial or credit arrangements in order to support and carry out its objectives and purposes, subject to the approval of the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas upon the recommendation of the Department of Finance and to other pertinent laws governing public debt and expenditure;

"(i) to receive donations and grants from any source whether local or foreign and avail of official development assistance and concessional loans provided by foreign governments, foundations, or financial institutions;

"(j) to enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of any kind and description in furtherance of the corporate purpose with any person, firm, association or

corporation;

“(k) to accept corporate institutional support for developmental programs and to determine the conditions subject to which the said programs may be accepted for television transmission; and

“(l) to exercise the general powers outlined in the Corporation Code of the Philippines, as well as such other incidental powers as may be necessary to carry on its activities.”

SEC. 5. Subsection (e) of Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. *Functions of the Network.* – The Network shall have the following functions:

“(a) x x x;

“(b) x x x;

“(c) x x x;

“(d) x x x;

“(e) to provide subsidized airtime to legitimate people’s organizations and nongovernment organizations (NGOs) in the promotion of their programs and projects;

“(f) x x x; and

“(g) X X X.”

TITLE V. – CORPORATE STRUCTURE

SEC. 6. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. *The Board of Directors.* – The corporate powers of the Network shall be exercised, all its business conducted and all its property controlled and held by the Board of Directors. It shall be composed of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from a shortlist prepared by the Governance Commission for Government-owned or -controlled corporations (GCG). The Board shall be made up of the following:

“(a) two (2) members from the government sector;

“(b) two (2) members from the private sector, one (1) of whom shall have at least ten (10) years of experience in the broadcast industry; and

“(c) one (1) member from the educational sector.”

SEC. 7. Insert a new Section 10-A which shall read:

“SEC. 10-A. *The Advisory Council.* – Sixty (60) days from their appointment, the Board of Directors shall prepare a list of its recommended nominees for the members of the Advisory Council and which shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) for consideration and approval. The nominees for Advisory Council shall be chosen from associations and organizations representing various stakeholders from different industries such as,