

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8982, December 05, 2000 ]**

**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8531, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE IPIL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8531 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"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 the Ipil Telephone Company, Inc., hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, establish, install, maintain and operate for commercial purposes and in the public interest, local exchange network, including public calling stations or pay telephone stations or wireless local loop and for such purposes provide basic telephone service or other means related to the foregoing now known to science or which in the future may be developed, in the municipalities of the Third District of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur, with extension access to the municipalities of Labason and Liloy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, for public domestic telecommunications."

SEC. 2. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication, upon the initiative of the grantee, in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

**(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON**

*President of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) MANUEL B. VILLAR JR.**

*Speaker of the House of  
Representatives*

This Act, which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on December 14, 1999 and October 10, 2000 respectively.

**(Sgd.) OSCAR G. YABES**

*Secretary of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**

*Secretary General House of  
Representatives*