

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5903, June 21, 1969]

**AN ACT GRANTING JOAQUIN C. AQUINO A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PUBLIC
RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COASTAL STATIONS,
AND PUBLIC FIXED AND PUBLIC BASED AND LAND-MOBILE
STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF
RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS
WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES.**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to Joaquin C. Aquino, his successors or assigns, and hereunder referred to as the grantee, a franchise to construct, install, maintain and operate radio stations, in the Philippines not at present adequately served by radiotelegraph or radiotelephone systems, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications or any licensing authority, commercial radiotelegraph and radiotelephone communications stations, with corresponding relay stations in the interisland, maritime, aeronautical and international public services, and stations in the broadcasting, radiophoto, and facsimile services, both national and international to provide radio communication services and equipment to private firms and companies and corporations within their respective internal framework, and to communicate from within the grantee's station or stations.

SEC. 2. A special right is reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war, rebellion, public peril, calamity, emergency, disaster or disturbance of peace or order to take over and operate the said stations or to authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any department of the Government upon due compensation to the grantee for the use of said stations during the period when they shall be so operated.

SEC. 3. The President of the Philippines shall have the power and authority to permit the construction of said stations or any of them on any land of the public domain upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

SEC. 4. This franchise is granted for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act and upon the express condition that same shall be void unless the construction of two stations be completed within two years from the date of the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. The grantee, his successors or assigns, shall so construct and operate their radio stations as not to interfere with the operation of other radio stations maintained and operated in the Philippines.