

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5422, June 15, 1968]

AN ACT GRANTING DR. MANUEL L. OPULENCIA A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ICE PLANT AND COLD STORAGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATANGAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND TO SELL ICE AND SUPPLY COLD STORAGE WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS AND THE CITY OF LIPA.

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions imposed by this Act, there is hereby granted to Dr. Manuel L. Opulencia, hereinafter referred to as the grantee, a franchise to construct, operate and maintain an ice plant and cold storage in the Municipality of Batangas, Province of Batangas, for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing ice and supplying cold storage within the Province of Batangas and the City of Lipa, and to charge and collect a schedule of prices and rates for the ice and cold storage so furnished, which schedule of prices and rates shall at all times be subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission.

SEC. 2. The grantee shall manufacture and supply ice up to the limit of the capacity of his plant.

SEC. 3. All the apparatus and appurtenances to be used by the grantee shall be modern, safe and first class in every respect, and the grantee shall, whenever the interest reasonably requires it, change or alter any of the apparatus and appurtenances at grantee's expense.

SEC. 4. The franchise shall continue for a period of five years from the date said plant and cold storage shall be placed in operation and/or shall commence manufacture and distribution of ice in the Province of Batangas and the City of Lipa, and is made subject to the express condition that the same shall be null and void unless the construction of said plant and cold storage be begun within four years from the date of the approval of this Act and completed within six years of said date, except when prevented by an act of God or *force majeure*, martial law, riot, civil commotion, usurpation by military power or any other cause beyond grantee's control.

SEC. 5. The books, records and accounts of the grantee shall be open to the inspection of the Provincial Treasurer or his authorized representatives, and it shall be the duty of the grantee to submit to the Provincial Treasurer quarterly reports in duplicate, showing the gross receipts for the quarter past, one of which shall be forwarded by the Provincial Treasurer to the Audit General, who shall keep the same on file.

SEC. 6. This franchise is granted subject to the provisions of Commonwealth Act