

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5384, June 15, 1968]

**AN ACT GRANTING SYLVIA G. GUMABAO A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE AN ICE PLANT AND COLD
STORAGE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SANTIAGO AND
ECHAGUE, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND TO SELL AND
DISTRIBUTE ICE SO MANUFACTURED AND FURNISH COLD
STORAGE THEREIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALICIA,
ANGADANAN, CAUAYAN, CABATUAN, SAN MATEO, RAMON,
CORDON, JONES, SAN AGUSTIN, SAN GUILLERMO AND SAN
ISIDRO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA.**

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions established in this Act, and the provisions of Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred and forty-six, as amended, and of the Constitution, applicable thereto, there is hereby granted to Sylvia G. Gumabao, hereinafter called the grantee, her successors or assigns, for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act, the right and privilege to construct, operate and maintain a fifty-ton ice plant and cold storage in the municipalities of Santiago and Echague, Province of Isabela, for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing ice within said municipalities and to sell the ice manufactured therein and in the municipalities of Alicia, Angadanan, Cauayan, Cabatuan, San Mateo, Ramon, Cordon, Jones, San Agustin, San Guillermo and San Isidro, all in the Province of Isabela, and to render cold storage service and facilities in the same municipalities and to charge and collect a schedule of rates and prices for the ice so manufactured, distributed and sold, which schedule of rates and prices shall at all times be subject to regulations by the Public Service Commission.

SEC. 2. This franchise is granted subject to the provisions of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, as amended, only with respect to fixing rates and with the understanding and upon the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when public interest requires.

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 change or alter any of said apparatus and appurtenances at her expense whenever the Public Service Commission shall determine that public interest reasonably requires it.

SEC. 4. If the grantee shall not commence the manufacture and distribution of ice in said municipalities within two years from the approval of this Act, unless prevented by an act of God or *force majeure*, martial law, riot, civil commotion, usurpation by a military power or any other cause beyond the grantee's control, this franchise shall become null and void.