

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4344, June 19, 1965 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING JESUS B. PACQUING A FRANCHISE TO  
CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING  
STATIONS, TELEVISION STATIONS AND DOMESTIC AND  
INTERNATIONAL RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN DAVAO  
PROVINCE AND OTHER PROVINCES IN MINDANAO.**

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Jesus B. Pacquing is hereby granted a franchise, which shall continue in force during the time that the Government has not established similar services in places selected by the grantee, but not to exceed twenty-five years, to construct, maintain and operate for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting stations, television stations, and domestic and international radio telecommunications in Davao Province and in Mindanao: *Provided*, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting station and television station be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act and be completed within four years from the said date: *Provided, further*, That the grantee shall provide adequate public service time to enable the Government, through the said radio broadcasting stations, television stations, domestic and international radio telecommunications, to reach the population on important issues; shall assist in the functions of public information and education; shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; and shall not use his stations and domestic and international radio telecommunications for the broadcasting and/or telecasting of obscene or indecent language or speech, or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of public health, or to incite, encourage, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 2. Such provisions of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;" Act Numbered Thirty-nine hundred and ninety-seven, known as the Radio Broadcasting Law, Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, as are applicable to radio broadcasting stations shall be applied, as far as practicable, to the radio broadcasting, and television stations referred to in Section one hereof.

SEC. 3. The grantee shall file a bond in the amount of fifty thousand pesos to guarantee full compliance and fulfillment of the conditions under which this franchise is granted.

SEC 4. (a) The grantee shall be liable to pay the same taxes on his real estate, buildings and personal property, exclusive of the franchise, as other persons or