

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3611, June 22, 1963]

**AN ACT GRANTING JOSE G. CASTRO A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING
AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

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, as well as of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;" Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, and other applicable laws not inconsistent with this Act, Jose G. Castro is hereby granted a franchise to construct, establish, maintain and operate for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting and television stations in the Philippines: *Provided*, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting station or one television station be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act, and be completed within four years from said date: *Provided, further*, That the grantee shall provide public service time to enable the Government, through the said radio broadcasting and television stations, to reach the population on important public 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 for the broadcasting and/or telecasting of obscene or indecent language, act or scene, or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health or to incite, encourage, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 2. The grantee's radio broadcasting stations shall not be put in actual operation until the Secretary Public Works and Communications shall have allotted to the grantee to the frequency and wave lengths to be used under this franchise and issued to the grantee license for such use.

SEC. 3. In the event of any competing person, natural or juridical, receiving from the Congress a similar franchise in which there shall be any term or terms more favorable than those herein granted or tending to place the herein grantee at any disadvantage, then such term or terms shall *ipso facto* become a part of the terms hereof and shall operate equally in favor of the grantee as in the case of said competing person.

SEC. 4. Acceptance of this franchise shall be given in writing by the grantee within six months after the approval of this Act. When so accepted, the grantee shall be empowered to exercise the privileges granted thereby.