

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2938, June 19, 1960]

AN ACT GRANTING JORGE D. BAYONA A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AN AUDIOPHONIC SYSTEM FOR THE BROADCASTING OF MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAMS, INCLUDING NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS, TO ANY PART OF SAID PROVINCE, THROUGH WIRES.

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 and this Act, there is hereby granted to Jorge D. Bayona a franchise to construct, maintain and operate in the Province of Albay an audiophonic system for the broadcasting of musical and literary programs, including news and advertisements, to any part of said province, through wires, for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act. The broadcasting station of the grantee shall be located in the City of Legazpi, same province.

SEC. 2. The subscribers to the said station shall be provided by the grantee, free of charge, with a loud-speaker each, upon deposit of a reasonable amount to answer for the cost thereof in case of loss or destruction imputable to the subscriber, the deposit to be refunded to the latter upon termination of the subscription and of the loudspeaker in good condition: Provided, all expenses for the installation of the loudspeaker and for the repair of any defect thereof or damage thereto not willfully caused by the subscriber shall be shouldered by the grantee.

SEC. 3. The right is hereby reserved to the Government of the Philippines, through the Public Service Commission or such other government agency as may hereafter be duly authorized, to fix the maximum rates or charges to be collected by the grantee.

SEC. 4. Subject to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, the grantee is authorized to erect poles on public thoroughfares and other public places for the laying of the necessary wires between his station and the houses of his subscribers.

SEC. 5. This franchise is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction of the audiophonic system of the grantee shall be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act and be completed within three years from said date.

SEC. 6. A special right is hereby reserved to the President of the Philippines, in time of war, insurrection, public peril or other national emergency and when public safety requires, to cause the closing of the station of the grantee, or to authorize the use or possession thereof by any department of the Government without compensating