

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 552, June 17, 1950]

AN ACT GRANTING TO THE ELIZALDE & CO., INC., A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT AND PRIVATE COASTAL RADIO STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted and conceded to the Elizalde & Co., Inc., its successors or assigns, the right and privilege of constructing, installing, establishing and operating in the Philippines and at such places as the said company may select, subject to the approval of the Department Secretary under those jurisdiction the Radio Control Division if functioning, or any competent authority who is or shall be authorized now or in the future, to give said approval, such private fixed point-to-point and private coastal radio stations for the reception and transmission of wireless messages on radiotelegraphy or radiotelephony, each station to consist of at least two radio apparatus comprising of a receiving and sending radio apparatus; and such devices as the grantee may decide to use to preserve the secrecy of communications, provided that such devices meet with the approval of the Department Secretary under whose jurisdiction the Radio Control Division is functioning.

SEC. 2. The President of the Philippine Republic shall have the power and authority to permit the location of said private fixed point-to-point and private coastal radio stations or any of them on the public domain upon such terms as he may prescribe.

SEC. 3. This temporary permit shall continue to be in force during the time that the government has not established similar service at the places selected by the grantee, and is made upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction of said stations be begun within one year from date of approval of this Act and be completed within two years from said date.

SEC. 4. The Elizalde & Co., Inc., shall not engage in domestic business of telecommunications in the Philippines without further special assent of the Congress of the Philippines, it being understood that the purpose of this temporary permit is to secure to the grantee the right to construct, install, establish and operate private fixed point-to-point and private coastal radio stations in places within in the Philippines as the interest of the company and of its trade and business may justify.

SEC. 5. A special right is hereby reserved to the President of the Republic of the Philippines in time of war, insurrection, public peril, calamity or disaster to cause the closing of the station or stations or to authorize the temporary use or possession thereof by any department of the Government, upon just compensation.