

**[ Commonwealth Act No. 407, September 14,  
1938 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING TO THE PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A TELEPHONE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS."**

*Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:*

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Thirty-four hundred and thirty-six is further amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions established in this Act and the provisions of Act Numbered Thirty-one hundred and eight, as amended, there is hereby granted to the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, its successors or assigns, for a period of fifty years from the approval of this Act, the right, privilege, and authority to construct, maintain and operate telephone systems covering the most feasible following routes: Manila-Baguio, including all provinces traversed; Manila-Iloilo-Negros-Cebu, including all provinces and islands traversed; Manila-Albay, including all provinces and islands traversed; Manila-Camarines Sur, including all provinces and islands traversed; Luzon-Mindanao, including all provinces and islands traversed, and Manila-Tayabas, including all provinces traversed. It being understood that the grantee is authorized to construct, operate and maintain such tributary lines and circuits throughout the Philippines to connect with the main lines, as the public interest may warrant. The grantee is authorized to carry on the business of the electrical transmission of messages, pictures, and signals in and between provinces and respective municipalities, and for the purpose of operating said telephone systems and transmitting impressions, messages, pictures, and signals by means of electricity, to construct telephone lines in and between said provinces and municipalities and to lay, place, operate, and maintain telephone cables between the Philippine Islands and other countries, and to construct, maintain, and operate and use all apparatus, conduits, and appliances necessary for the electrical transmission of impressions, messages, pictures, and signals, and to erect poles, structures, string wires, build conduits, lay cables, and to construct, maintain and use such other approved and generally accepted means of electrical conduction in, on, over, or under the public roads, Government right-of-ways, lands, bridges, rivers, waters, streets, lanes, and sidewalks of said provinces and municipalities, and overhead of underground lines or on the surface of the ground, and to lay submarine telephone cables in the surrounding waters of the Philippine Islands and for the purpose of making connection with telephone systems of other countries, as may be necessary and best adapted to said transmission: Provided, however, That all cables laid, all poles erected and all conduits constructed or used by the grantee, its successors or assigns, shall be located in places designated by the