

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5851, June 21, 1969**]

AN ACT GRANTING THE MINDANAO PROGRESS CORPORATION A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT AND LAND-BASED AND LAND-MOBILE 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 to the Mindanao Progress Corporation, its successors or assigns, a temporary permit to construct, operate and maintain in the Philippines, at such places as the said grantee may select, subject to the approval of the Department Secretary under whose jurisdiction the Radio Control Office is functioning, or any competent authority who is or shall be authorized to give said approval, such private fixed point-to-point and land-based and land-mobile radio stations for the reception and transmission of wireless messages by radiotelephone or radiotelegraph, each station to consist of receiving and sending apparatus.

SEC. 2. The President of the Philippines shall have the power and authority to permit the location of said private fixed point-to-point and land-based radio stations or any of them on the public domain upon such terms as may be prescribed.

SEC. 3. This temporary permit shall continue to be in force during the time that the Government has not established a similar service at the places selected by the grantee, and is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the grantee shall start operation of said stations within one and one-half years from the date of approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The grantee shall not engage in the domestic business of telecommunications in the Philippines without further special consent 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, land-based, and land-mobile radio stations in places within the Philippines as the interest of the grantee and its trade and business may justify.

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

SEC. 6. No fees shall be charged by the grantee as the radio stations that may be