

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5235, June 15, 1968]

AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT, PRIVATE COASTAL, PRIVATE AERONAUTICAL AND LAND-BASED AND LAND-MOBILE RADIO STATIONS FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION OF WIRELESS MESSAGES TO AND FROM SAID STATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. The Philippine National Red Cross is hereby granted a franchise to establish, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, private aeronautical and land-based and land-mobile radio stations in the City of Manila and such places within the Philippines where it operates and for the interest and pursuance to its charter, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications for the transmission and reception of wireless messages on radiotelephone or radiotelegraph to and from said stations.

SEC. 2. The franchise shall continue to be in force for a period of twenty-five years and is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction or installation of at least one station be begun within two years from the date of the approval of this Act, and be completed within four years from said date.

The President of the Philippines shall have the power and the authority to permit the location of said private point-to-point, private coastal, private aeronautical land based and land-mobile radio stations on any land of the public domain upon such terms as may be prescribed.

SEC. 3. It is understood that the purpose of this franchise is to secure for the Philippine National Red Cross the right to establish, maintain and operate aeronautical and landbased and landmobile radio stations at the places hereinabove stated for no other purpose than to promote all Red Cross services in time of peace and of war as may be found desirable in improving the health and safety and welfare of the Filipino people.

SEC. 4. No fees shall be charged as the radio stations that may be established by virtue of this Act shall engage in communications only in the pursuance of the services of the Philippine National Red Cross.

SEC. 5. The Philippine National Red Cross shall so construct and operate its stations as not to interfere with the operation of other radio stations maintained and operated in the Philippines.