

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5002, June 17, 1967 ]**

**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHT, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING TO THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS PERMITTED ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO LAND, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE AT MANILA IN THE PHILIPPINES A SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH CABLE CONNECTING MANILA WITH HONGKONG AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS OF THE SAME."**

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

SECTION 1 Section one of Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred eight is hereby amended as follows:

"SECTION 1 There is hereby granted to 'The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Ltd.' its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as the 'Grantee' a franchise to land, construct, maintain and operate telecommunication systems by cable, or any other means now known to science or which in the future may be developed for the reception and transmission of messages between any point in the Philippines to points exterior thereto, including airplanes, airships or vessels even though such airplanes, airships or vessels may be located within territorial limits of the Philippines."

SEC.2. Section four of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC 4. The rates to be charged by the grantee for services provided through the aforesaid telecommunication systems shall be reasonable and shall be established in conformity with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (MONTREAUX 1965) and of the Telephone Telegraph Regulations (GENEVA 1958) and any subsequent revisions thereof."

SEC. 3. Section six of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. The grantee is authorized to undertake the operations authorized under Section one at its own offices in the Philippines.

"For the convenience of the public, collection and delivery may also be effected by means of the telephone or other means conducive to the efficient handling of traffic."