

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2397, June 21, 1959 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING THE MONSERRAT BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INCORPORATED, A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO OPERATE TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO.**

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

SECTION 1. Sections one, four and six of Republic Act Numbered One thousand two hundred seventy-two, entitled "An Act granting the Monserrat Broadcasting System, Incorporated, a temporary permit to construct, maintain and operate radio broadcasting stations in the Philippines," are amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, well as of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and forty-six entitled 'An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;' Act Numbered thirty-nine hundred and ninety-seven, known as the Radio Broadcasting Law; Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, and other applicable laws, the Monserrat Broadcasting System, Incorporated, is hereby granted a temporary permit to construct, maintain and operate, for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting and television stations in the Philippines: *Provided*, That this temporary permit shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting and television station be begun within six months from the date of approval of this amendatory Act and be completed within two years from said date: *Provided, further*, That the grantee shall provide adequate public service time to enable the Government, through the stations herein authorized, to reach the population on important issues; shall assist in the functions of public information and education; shall conform to the ethics of best enterprise; and shall not use said stations for the broadcasting of obscene or indecent language or speech, or the dissemination of deliberately false information willful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health, or to incite, encourage or assist in subversive Reasonable acts.

"SEC. 4. In the event the Government should desire to maintain and operate for itself any or all of the radio broadcasting or television stations herein authorized, the grantee shall turn over such station or stations to the Government with all the serviceable equipment therein, at cost less reasonable depreciation.