

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2371, June 20, 1959]

**AN ACT GRANTING THE PACIFIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.,
A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO
BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE
PHILIPPINES.**

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution the Pacific Broadcasting System, Inc., is hereby granted a franchise to construct, maintain and operate, for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting and television stations in the Philippines: *Provided*, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting station or one television station be begun within two years from the it from the date of approval of this Act, and be completed within four years from said date: *Provided, further*, That the grantee shall provide adequate public service time to able the Government, through the said radio broadcast ing and television stations, to reach the population on Important public issues; shall assist in the functions of public information and education; shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; and shall not use its stations for the broadcasting and/or telecasting of obscence or indecent language, speech, act or scene, or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health, or to incite, encourage or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 2. Such provisions of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred 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 ninety-seven, known as the Radio Broadcasting Law; Commonwealth Act Numbered, One hundred forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, as are applicable to radio broadcasting stations, shall be applied, as far as practicable, to the television stations referred to in section one hereof.

SEC. 3. As a condition of the granting of this franchise, the grantee shall execute a bond in favor of the Government of the Philippines, in the sum of fifty thousand pesos, in form and with sureties satisfactory to the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, conditioned the faithful performance of the grantee's obligations hereunder during the first three years of the life of this franchise. If, after four years from the date of acceptance of this franchise, the grantee shall have fulfilled said nations, or as soon thereafter as the grantee shall have fulfilled the same, the bond aforesaid shall be cancelled by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications.

SEC. 4. Acceptance of this franchise shall be given in writing within six months after the approval of this Act When so accepted by the grantee and upon approval of the bond aforesaid by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications the grantee