

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2298, June 19, 1959]

**AN ACT GRANTING MARIO P. CHANCO A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING
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, Mario P. Chanco is hereby granted a franchise, which shall continue in force during the time that the Government has not established similar service at the places selected by the grantee, to construct, maintain and operate, for commercial, purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting stations in the Philippines: *Provided*, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting station be begun within two years 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 enable the Government, through the said radio broadcasting stations, to reach the population on important public issues; shall assist in the function of public information and education; shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; and shall not use its stations the broadcasting of obscene or indecent language or speech, or for the dissemination of deliberately false inflation or wilful 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 and forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communication 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, as are applicable to radio broadcasting stations, shall be applied, as far as practicable, to the radio broadcasting stations referred to in section one.

SEC. 3. The grantee shall file a bond in the amount of fifty thousand pesos to guaranty full compliance and fulfillment of the conditions under which this franchise is granted.

SEC. 4. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall hold the National, provincial, city and municipal governments of the Republic of the Philippines harmless from all claims, accounts, demands or actions arising out of accidents or injuries, whether to property or persons, caused by the construction or operation of its radio stations.

SEC. 5. In the event of any competing individual, partnership or corporation receiving from the Congress a similar franchise in which there shall be any term or terms more favorable than those herein granted or tending to place the herein grantee at any disadvantage, then such term or terms shall ipso facto become part