

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1864, June 22, 1957]

**AN ACT GRANTING GAUDENCIO MAÑALAC 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, Guadencio Mañalac 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 and television stations in the Philippines: *Provided*, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting or television 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 and television stations, to 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 of obscene or indecent language or speech or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to 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 the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;" Act Numbered Thirty-nine hundred ninety-seven, known as the Radio Broadcasting Law; Commonwealth Act Numbed One hundred forty-six, known as the Public Service Act and their amendments, as are applicable to radio broadcasting and television stations shall be applied, as far as practicable, to the radio broadcasting and television 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 granted.

SEC. 4. 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 ten terms shall *ipso facto* become a part of the terms hereof and shall operate equally in favor of the grantee as in the case of said competing individual, partnership corporation.