

AN ACT GRANTING FAR CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A MESSENGER AND DELIVERY EXPRESS SERVICE.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6171, November 09, 1970

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

SECTION 1. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, FAR Corporation is hereby granted a franchise to establish, operate and maintain a messenger and delivery express service of messages, packages and parcels, at regular intervals or, in special or rush emergency cases, through all hours of the day, for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act: Provided, however, That the said corporation shall not receive or deliver matter described in Sections nineteen hundred fifty-four and nineteen hundred fifty-five of the Revised Administrative Code, and any absolutely non-mailable matter received by it shall be forfeited to the Government, and any matter unmailable under Section nineteen hundred fifty-five of the said Code received by it shall be returned when practicable to the person who deposited it but need not be delivered to the addressee: Provided, further, That any willful violation of the foregoing proviso by the said corporation shall be sufficient cause for the repeal of this franchise: And, provided, finally, That the Postmaster General under such rules as he may prescribe with the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, shall exercise supervision over said corporation for the Purpose of preventing any violation of the foregoing provisions and the Postal Law and regulations.

SEC.2. The grantee is hereby empowered to fix its service charges, subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission.

SEC. 3. In consideration of the franchise and rights hereby granted, the grantee shall pay to the National Government during the life of this franchise a tax of per centum of its gross income derived by the grantee from its operation under this franchise. Such tax shall be payable quarterly and shall be in lieu of all taxes of any kind, nature or description, levied, established or collected, now or hereafter, by any municipal, provincial or national authority.

SEC. 4. This franchise is granted subject to the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when the public interest so requires and shall not be exclusive in character.

SEC. 5. The grantee shall file a bond in the sum of ten thousand pesos to answer for any loss or damage that any customer or customers may suffer.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted without Executive approval, November 9, 1970.

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