

[CHAPTER 929]

AN ACT

August 9, 1946

[H. R. 2586]

[Public Law 702]

To authorize the leasing of Indian lands situated within the State of Washington for business and other purposes.

Washington.
Leasing of Indian
lands.

Restriction.

Leases by Indian
owner, etc.

25 U. S. C. § 380.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding any other provisions of law, with the consent in writing of the individual Indian, association of Indians, or Indian tribe concerned, any restricted Indian lands situated within the State of Washington may be leased for religious, educational, recreational, business, or public purposes, including, but not limited to, airports, experimental station, stockyards, warehouses, and grain elevators, for periods not to exceed twenty-five years under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorize such leases for the exploitation of any natural resources.

SEC. 2. Such leases may be made only by the individual Indian owner of the land or by the authorized representatives of the tribe or group of Indians to whom the land belongs, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative. Restricted allotments of deceased Indians, when the heirs or devisees cannot agree on a lease, may be leased for them in the manner prescribed by the Act of July 8, 1940 (54 Stat. 745, ch. 554). No lease shall be made by or on behalf of any tribe for a longer period than is or may be authorized by the tribal constitution, charter, or ordinances. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to repeal any authority to lease restricted lands which any Indian, Indian tribe, or official of the Department of the Interior would have in the absence of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 930]

AN ACT

August 9, 1946

[H. R. 2893]

[Public Law 703]

To amend the Act of February 15, 1929.

Indian lands.
Inspection of health
and educational con-
ditions, etc.
25 U. S. C. § 231.

Nonapplicability.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of February 15, 1929 (45 Stat. L. 1185), is hereby amended to read as follows: "The Secretary of the Interior, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, shall permit the agents and employees of any State to enter upon Indian tribal lands, reservations, or allotments therein (1) for the purpose of making inspection of health and educational conditions and enforcing sanitation and quarantine regulations or (2) to enforce the penalties of State compulsory school attendance laws against Indian children, and parents, or other persons in loco parentis except that this subparagraph (2) shall not apply to Indians of any tribe in which a duly constituted governing body exists until such body has adopted a resolution consenting to such application.

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