

**CHAP. 215.**—An Act To authorize the cancellation, under certain conditions, of patents in fee simple to Indians for allotments held in trust by the United States.

February 26, 1927.  
[S. 2714.]

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*Be it enacted by the State and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to cancel any patent in fee simple issued to an Indian allottee or to his heirs before the end of the period of trust described in the original or trust patent issued to such allottee, or before the expiration of any extension of such period of trust by the President, where such patent in fee simple was issued without the consent or an application therefor by the allottee or by his heirs: *Provided*, That the patentee has not mortgaged or sold any part of the land described in such patent: *Provided also*, That upon cancellation of such patent in fee simple the land shall have the same status as though such fee patent had never been issued.

Indian allotments.  
Canceling of fee simple patents to, before end of trust period, etc.

*Provided*.  
If not sold, etc.

Original status restored upon cancellation.

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