

[CHAPTER 280]

AN ACT

For the benefit of the Indians of the Crow Reservation, Montana, and for other purposes.

June 8, 1940
[H. R. 5477]
[Public, No. 569]

Crow Indian Reser-
vation, Mont.
41 Stat. 752.

Proviso.
Sale or exchange of
allotted, etc., lands.

Transaction to be
upon petition; signers.

Issuance of new
patent.

24 Stat. 389.
25 U. S. C. § 348.

41 Stat. 753.
Retention of min-
eral rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 751), entitled "An Act to provide for the allotment of lands of the Crow Tribe, for the distribution of tribal funds, and for other purposes", is hereby amended by inserting the following at the end of paragraph 1: "*Provided*, That for the purpose of consolidating the restricted land holdings of any individual Crow allottee or the holdings of members of a Crow family, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to approve sales of allotted and inherited Indian lands to members of the Crow Tribe or the exchange of restricted Crow lands without regard to the acreage limitation hereinbefore set out. Any sales or exchange made hereunder shall be upon a petition signed by the adult allottee and by the adult heirs of any deceased allottee and the parent or natural guardian of a minor heir or, if there be no natural guardian, by the officer in charge of the Crow Agency, and if the purchaser or recipient of such lands be an Indian of the Crow Tribe, then any outstanding trust patent or patents covering the land so sold or exchanged shall be canceled and a new patent of the force and legal effect of the trust patents as prescribed by the General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388), as amended, shall be issued to such Indian or Indians, which patent where applicable shall contain the mineral reservation provided in section 6 of this Act. Should any Crow allottee wish to retain mineral rights now owned by him in land, sold hereunder to other members of the tribe, he may do so by making conveyance on a form of deed to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, which form shall provide that its approval shall not operate to remove any trust or other conditions imposed upon said lands as expressed in the original trust or any other patent issued therefor."

Approved, June 8, 1940.