

[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

To provide for the leasing of restricted allotments of deceased Indians in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

July 8, 1940
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That restricted allotments of deceased Indians may be leased, except for oil and gas mining purposes, by the superintendents of the reservation within which the lands are located (1) when the heirs or devisees of such decedents have not been determined and (2) when the heirs or devisees of the decedents have been determined, and such lands are not in use by any of the heirs and the heirs have not been able during a three-months' period to agree upon a lease by reason of the number of the heirs, their absence from the reservation, or for other cause, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. The proceeds derived from such leases shall be credited to the estates or other accounts of the individuals entitled thereto in accordance with their respective interests.

Leasing of restricted allotments of deceased Indians; exception.

Conditions.

Crediting of proceeds.

Approved, July 8, 1940.