

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §1, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

SHORT TITLE

Act Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, 50 Stat. 900, as amended, which enacted this subchapter, is popularly known as the "Reindeer Industry Act of 1937".

REPEALS

Act Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §17, 50 Stat. 902, provided: "All Acts of Congress or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed."

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Act Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §16, 50 Stat. 902, authorized the appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the use of the Secretary of the Interior in carrying out this subchapter.

§ 500a. Acquisition of reindeer and other property

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed, to acquire, in the name of the United States, by purchase or other lawful means, including exercise of the power of eminent domain, for and on behalf of the Eskimos and other natives of Alaska, reindeer, reindeer-range equipment, abattoirs, cold-storage plants, warehouses, and other property, real or personal, the acquisition of which he determines to be necessary to the effectuation of the purposes of this subchapter. Any condemnation proceedings undertaken by virtue of the authority granted in this section shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the procedure provided for the condemnation of real estate by section 3113 of title 40, or to that provided by sections 3114 to 3116 and 3118 of title 40: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the Secretary of the Interior to consolidate native-owned herds of reindeer with herds owned by others than natives prior to the purchase or acquisition of such herds of others than natives.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §2, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250a of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

"Section 3113 of title 40" substituted in text for "the Act of August 1, 1888 (Chapter 728)" and "sections 3114 to 3116 and 3118 of title 40" substituted in text for "the Act of February 26, 1931 (Chapter 307)" on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, §5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, the first section of which enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

§ 500b. Filing claim of title to reindeer by non-natives

All persons, other than natives of Alaska, who upon September 1, 1937, claim title to any Alaskan reindeer shall, within one year after September 1, 1937, file in Alaska, with the duly authorized agent or agents of the Secretary of the Interior, declarations of their ownership. Similar declarations concerning Alaskan reindeer acquired by any person not a native of Alaska by purchase or by gift at any time after September 1, 1937, shall be filed as aforesaid within thirty days after the date of such acquisition. Records

of all declarations thus filed shall be made and kept open to public inspection in Alaska. If any owner of Alaskan reindeer, to whom the foregoing provisions of this section are applicable, shall fail to file the required declaration within the stated period, he shall be barred thereafter from asserting his claim of title.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §3, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250b of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 500c. Acceptance of gifts

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to receive, in the name of the United States, for and on behalf of said natives of Alaska, gifts made for the purposes of this subchapter.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §4, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250c of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 500d. Acceptance and expenditure of Federal funds

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to receive and expend, for the purposes of this subchapter, properly authorized loans, grants, or allocations made to him for said purposes by Federal agencies.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §5, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250d of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 500e. Revolving fund; moneys not to be covered into Treasury

Except as herein otherwise specially provided, none of the moneys collected or received by the Secretary of the Interior in his administration of this subchapter shall be paid into the Treasury, but all such moneys shall constitute a revolving fund to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior for the purposes of this subchapter.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §6, 50 Stat. 900.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Herein, referred to in text, means act Sept. 1, 1937, which comprises this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250e of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 500f. Management of industry by Secretary; aim of management

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to organize and manage the reindeer industry or business provided for by this subchapter in such manner as to establish and maintain for said natives of Alaska a complete and self-sustaining economy and to encourage and develop the activity and responsibility of said natives in all branches of said industry or business.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §7, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250f of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 500g. Distribution of reindeer, property, and profits to natives

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to distribute the reindeer and other property acquired by the United States under this subchapter among the Eskimos or other natives of Alaska, or to corporations, associations, or organizations of said natives, either in the form of gifts or under such conditions as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and to execute and deliver appropriate instruments of title, or to hold and use the same in trust for the use and benefit of said natives, with a view of effecting the widest possible distribution of such reindeer and other property among those natives of Alaska who are in need thereof and who can make proper use of the same: *Provided*, That during the period of the trust, income derived directly from the sale of reindeer and reindeer products as provided in this subchapter shall be exempt from Federal income taxation. The Secretary of the Interior may from time to time, in such manner as he determines to be proper for effectuating the purposes of this subchapter, distribute among those of said natives or corporations, associations, or other organizations of said natives, who are engaged in said industry or business or for whose subsistence reindeer are necessary, whatever profits may be earned by that part of the industry or business which is owned by the United States and which may, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, be distributed in accordance with sound business practice.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §8, 50 Stat. 901; Pub. L. 99-514, title XVII, §1709(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2783.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250g of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 inserted proviso directing that during the period of the trust, income derived directly from the sale of reindeer and reindeer products as provided in this subchapter shall be exempt from Federal income taxation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-514, title XVII, §1709(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2783, provided that: "The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect as if originally included in the provision of the Act of September 1, 1937, to which such amendment relates."

§ 500h. Grant of administrative powers to organizations of natives

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to grant, in his discretion and subject to such terms as he may impose, to any corporations, associations, or other organizations of said natives any or all of the powers relating to the administration of the reindeer industry or business herein provided for, upon a finding by

him as to each grant that it is in the interests of the said natives of Alaska and will serve the purposes of this subchapter.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, §9, 50 Stat. 901.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Herein, referred to in text, means act Sept. 1, 1937, which comprises this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250h of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 500i. Alienation of reindeer or interests; penalty

Live reindeer in Alaska, and the increase thereof, acquired by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to this subchapter, and live reindeer in Alaska, and the increase thereof, owned by the said natives of Alaska or corporations, associations, or other organizations of said natives, however acquired, shall not be sold or transferred, by descent, devise, or in any other manner whatsoever, to anyone other than the said natives of Alaska the United States for and on behalf of said natives, or corporations, associations, or other organizations of said natives, except with the consent in writing of the Secretary of the Interior or his duly authorized agent, stating that such consent is given upon the condition that the reindeer, and any increase thereof, sold or otherwise transferred with said consent, shall either be butchered in the Territory of Alaska within thirty days or shipped out of said Territory and never brought back alive into said Territory. Sales or other transfers of said reindeer, if made without the consent in writing herein required, or, although made with said consent, if followed by failure to comply with the condition therein required, shall be null and void, and shall not pass any title to or right to possession of any reindeer or increase thereof. No stock or other interest in any corporation, association, or other organization of said natives, engaged in or organized for the purposes of engaging in the reindeer industry or business, shall be transferred, by descent, devise, or in any other manner whatsoever, to anyone other than said natives of Alaska, the United States for and on behalf of said natives, or corporations, associations, or other organizations of said natives. Any willful violation of the provisions of this section by any vendee or other transferee shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500: *Provided*, That no title to any reindeer, or reindeer products, owned by the United States for and on behalf of the said natives of Alaska, nor any title to reindeer, or reindeer products, owned by any of said natives or said corporations, associations, or other organizations of said natives, nor any stock or other interest in said corporations, associations, or other organizations of said natives, shall be transferred by descent, devise,¹ or in any other manner whatsoever, except pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior for the purposes of preserving the native character of the reindeer industry or business in Alaska and effectuating the other purposes of

¹ So in original. Probably should be "devise."