

CHAPTER 255.

[H. B. 360.]

ALIEN LAND LAW—DEFINITIONS.

AN ACT relating to the alien land law; redefining alien so as to exclude corporations organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof; and amending section 1, chapter 10, Laws of 1953 and RCW 64.16.010.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 10, Laws of 1953 and RCW 64.16.010 are each amended to read as follows:

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Alien" includes.

"Alien" does not include an alien who has in good faith declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, nor does it include a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof, but includes all other aliens and other corporations and other organized groups of persons, a majority of whose capital stock is owned or controlled by aliens or a majority of whose members are aliens, and includes all persons who are noncitizens of the United States and who are ineligible to citizenship by naturalization: *Provided, however,* That a corporation organized under the laws of this or any other state, a majority of whose capital stock is owned by one or more separate and distinct corporations organized under the laws of this or any other state, shall not be considered an alien or a corporation a majority of whose capital stock is owned or controlled by aliens within the meaning of any provision of the Constitution or of this or any other statute of this state;

Corporation not considered alien.

"Land" includes.

"Land" does not include land containing valuable deposits of minerals, metals, iron, coal, or fire clay or the necessary land for mills and machinery to be used in the development thereof and the manufacture of the products therefrom, but includes every other

kind of land and every interest therein and right to the control, possession, use, enjoyment, rents, issues, or profits thereof, except a mortgage and except a right to the possession, use, or enjoyment of land for a period of not more than ten years for a purpose for which an alien is accorded the use of land by a treaty between the United States and the country whereof he is a citizen; and includes any share or interest in a corporation or other organized group of persons deemed an alien in this chapter which has title to land;

To "own" means to have the legal or equitable title to or the right to any benefit of; "Own" defined.

"Title" includes every kind of legal or equitable title; "Title" includes.

Ownership of or title to land acquired by inheritance or in good faith either under mortgage or in the ordinary course of collection of debts, or acquired by a female citizen afterwards expatriated by marriage to an alien, is excluded; Ownership excluded.

"Inheritance" includes devise; "Inheritance" includes.

"Mortgage" includes every kind of lien upon land; "Mortgage" includes.

A mortgage of land under which an alien is entitled before default to any control, possession, use or enjoyment of the land, is an absolute conveyance; and

"Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, or any other organized group of persons. "Person" includes.

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