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H. R. 251

To establish an Office of Inspector General for the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUINN (for himself, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. KING, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, and Mr. GOSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish an Office of Inspector General for the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Inspector General for
5 Medicare and Medicaid Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GEN-**
2 **ERAL FOR THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID**
3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AS INDEPENDENT AGENCY.—

5 There is established as an independent agency in the exec-
6 utive branch of the Government an agency which shall be
7 known as the “Office of the Inspector General for the
8 Medicare and Medicaid Programs”.

9 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Office shall be to
10 supervise, oversee, and audit the medicare and medicaid
11 programs as provided for under titles XVIII and XIX of
12 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

13 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be under
15 the direction and control of the Inspector General
16 for the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.

17 (2) APPOINTMENT.—The Inspector General
18 shall be appointed in accordance with section 3 of
19 the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

20 (3) DUTIES.—The Inspector General shall per-
21 form his duties in accordance with the provisions of
22 section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
23 U.S.C. App.).

1 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSPECTOR**
 2 **GENERAL FOR THE MEDICARE AND MEDIC-**
 3 **AID PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—The Inspector General
 5 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating the last two sections (each
 7 designated as section 8G) appearing before section 9
 8 as sections 8H and 8I, respectively;

9 (2) in section 8I (as so redesignated)—

10 (A) by striking “8D, or 8E” and inserting
 11 “8D, 8E, or 8G”; and

12 (B) by striking “8F(a)” and inserting
 13 “8H(a)”; and

14 (3) by inserting after section 8F the following:

15 “SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSPECTOR
 16 GENERAL FOR THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS
 17 “SEC. 8G. DUTIES.—In addition to other duties and
 18 responsibilities specified in this Act, the Inspector General
 19 for the Medicare and Medicaid Programs shall—

20 “(1) supervise, direct, and control all functions
 21 and duties of the Office of the Inspector General for
 22 the Medicare and Medicaid Programs;

23 “(2) prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse
 24 in the medicare and medicaid programs as provided
 25 for under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Secu-
 26 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.); and

1 “(3) coordinate all audits, investigations, in-
2 spections, and other activities for the purpose of pro-
3 moting economy and efficiency in the administration
4 of the medicare and medicaid programs.”.

5 (b) DESIGNATION OF OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GEN-
6 ERAL FOR THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS.—
7 Section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 is amend-
8 ed in paragraph (2) by inserting “, or Office of Inspector
9 General for the Medicare and Medicaid Programs” before
10 “; as the case may be;”.

11 **SEC. 4. COMPENSATION.**

12 Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “Inspector General for the Medicare and Medicaid
15 Programs.”.

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such
18 sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
19 this Act.

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