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H. R. 5322

To amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide for an Inspector General for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide for an Inspector General for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and for other purposes.

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 “Metropolitan Wash-
5 ington Airports Authority Inspector General Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE METROPOLITAN**
2 **WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8G of the Inspector Gen-
4 eral Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “the
7 Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority,”
8 after “the Legal Services Corporation,”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (4)—

10 (i) by inserting after subparagraph

11 (C) the following new subparagraph:

12 “(D) with respect to the Metropolitan
13 Washington Airports Authority, such term
14 means the Board of Directors of the Metropoli-
15 tan Washington Airports Authority;”; and

16 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs

17 (D) through (H) and subparagraphs (E)
18 through (I), respectively; and

19 (2) in subsection (c), by inserting “section 8M
20 and” before “subsection (f)”.

21 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Section 8J of the In-
22 spector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended
23 by striking “8E or 8F” and inserting “8E, 8F, or 8M”.

24 (c) SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—The Inspector General
25 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by inserting after
26 section 8L the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 8M. SPECIAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE METRO-**
2 **POLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHOR-**
3 **ITY.**

4 “(a) APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL.—Notwith-
5 standing subsections (c) and (e) of section 8G, the Inspec-
6 tor General of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Au-
7 thority shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary
8 of Transportation. Such Inspector General shall be ap-
9 pointed without regard to political affiliation and solely on
10 the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in account-
11 ing, auditing, financial analysis, law, management anal-
12 ysis, public administration, or investigations.

13 “(b) EXECUTIVE SESSION.—The Inspector General
14 for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority may
15 attend any executive session of the Board of Directors of
16 the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

17 “(c) IG STAFF.—The Inspector General for the Met-
18 ropolitan Washington Airports Authority may appoint ad-
19 ditional staff as the Inspector General considers appro-
20 priate.

21 “(d) EXPENSES AND STAFF.—The Metropolitan
22 Washington Airports Authority shall pay the expenses of
23 the Inspector General for such Authority, including staff
24 salaries and benefits. A request for funds by the Inspector
25 General shall be available not later than 30 days after
26 such request is made. If the Metropolitan Washington Air-

1 ports Authority fails to comply with this section, the Sec-
2 retary of Transportation may not approve a grant for such
3 Authority under section 47107(b) of title 49, United
4 States Code, until such funding is made available for the
5 Inspector General.

6 “(e) EMPLOYEE COMPLIANCE.—Employees of the
7 Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and mem-
8 bers of the Board of Directors of such Authority shall co-
9 operate with and comply with requests from the Inspector
10 General of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Author-
11 ity necessary in the performance of the functions assigned
12 by this Act, including providing testimony and other infor-
13 mation.”.

14 (d) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE INSPEC-
15 TOR GENERAL FOR THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON
16 AIRPORTS AUTHORITY.—Not later than 60 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
18 portation shall appoint an Inspector General for the Met-
19 ropolitan Washington Airports Authority as required by
20 section 8M of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.
21 App.), as added by subsection (b).

22 (e) AMOUNT FOR IG EXPENSES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Metropolitan Wash-
24 ington Airports Authority shall make available not
25 less than \$1,200,000 for the one-year period begin-

1 ning on the date that the Inspector General of the
2 Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is ap-
3 pointed and shall remain available until expended.
4 Requests for subsequent fiscal years shall be made
5 by the Inspector General and paid by the Metropoli-
6 tan Washington Airports Authority unless expressly
7 stated otherwise in law.

8 (2) STAFF AND BUDGET REQUIREMENTS.—Not
9 later than 1 year after the Inspector General for the
10 Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is ap-
11 pointed, the Inspector General shall determine any
12 staffing and budget requirements.

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