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H. R. 2182

To amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to clarify the authority of
the Inspector General of the Department of Justice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 1997

Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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the authority of the Inspector General of the Department
of Justice.

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 “Department of Justice
5 Inspector General Reform Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **JUSTICE.**

8 Section 8E(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978
9 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b)(1) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities
2 specified in this Act, the Inspector General of the Depart-
3 ment of Justice—

4 “(A) shall have oversight responsibility for the
5 internal investigations performed by any entity of
6 the Department of Justice; and

7 “(B) may initiate, conduct, and supervise such
8 audits, inspections, and investigations in the Depart-
9 ment of Justice, including regarding any entity of
10 the Department of Justice, as the Inspector General
11 considers appropriate.

12 “(2) The head of each entity of the Department of
13 Justice shall promptly report to the Inspector General of
14 the Department of Justice such matters, and under such
15 terms, as the Inspector General determines are necessary
16 to carry out the responsibilities of the Inspector General
17 specified in this Act.

18 “(3) Upon receiving written notice from the Inspector
19 General of the Department of Justice that the Inspector
20 General is conducting an audit, inspection, or investiga-
21 tion regarding a matter, the head of an entity of the De-
22 partment—

23 “(A) shall not initiate any audit, inspection, or
24 investigation regarding the matter; and

1 “(B) shall terminate any audit, inspection, or
2 investigation regarding the matter that is being con-
3 ducted by the entity.

4 “(4) Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) are not intended
5 to limit—

6 “(A) the authority of the Office and procedures
7 of Professional Responsibility of the Department of
8 Justice to investigate allegations of misconduct by
9 Department attorneys, that relate to the exercise of
10 their authority to investigate, litigate, or provide
11 legal advice; or

12 “(B) the authority of the Attorney General
13 under section 9(a)(2).”.

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