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H. R. 3735

To amend title 5, United States Code, to establish an Office of Inspector General in the Executive Office of the President and to limit the reasons for which certain Inspectors General may be removed from office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. CRAIG, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. RYAN, and Mr. DELUZIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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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 “Integrity in Govern-
5 ment Act of 2025” or the “IG Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTORS GENERAL REFORM.**

2 (a) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL IN EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 401 of title 5,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “the
7 Executive Office of the President,” after
8 “means”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “the
10 President (with respect to the Executive Office
11 of the President),” after “means”.

12 (2) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 90 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
14 President shall appoint, in accordance with section
15 403(a) of title 5, United States Code, an individual
16 to serve as the Inspector General of the Executive
17 Office of the President.

18 (b) REMOVAL STANDARDS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
20 provision of law—

21 (A) except as provided in paragraph (2),
22 each Inspector General appointed by the Presi-
23 dent (alone or by the President by and with the
24 advice and consent of Congress), including each
25 Inspector General of an Office of Inspector
26 General established under section 403 of title 5,

1 United States Code, may not be removed from
2 office by the President except for inefficiency,
3 malfeasance of office, or neglect of duty by the
4 Inspector General concerned; and

5 (B) each Inspector General of an Office of
6 Inspector General established under section 415
7 of title 5, United States Code, may not be re-
8 moved from office by the head of the designated
9 Federal entity concerned except for inefficiency,
10 malfeasance of office, or neglect of duty by the
11 Inspector General concerned.

12 (2) EXCEPTION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1)(A) does
14 not apply to any Inspector General of an Office
15 of Inspector General for an independent agency.

16 (B) INDEPENDENT AGENCY DEFINED.—In
17 this subsection, the term “independent agency”
18 includes—

19 (i) a designated Federal entity (as de-
20 fined in section 415(a) of title 5, United
21 States Code);

22 (ii) the Board of Veterans’ Appeals;

23 (iii) the Chemical Safety and Hazard
24 Investigation Board;

- 1 (iv) the Foreign Claims Settlement
- 2 Commission;
- 3 (v) the Federal Energy Regulatory
- 4 Commission;
- 5 (vi) the Federal Housing Finance
- 6 Agency;
- 7 (vii) the Federal Mine Safety and
- 8 Health Review Commission;
- 9 (viii) the Merit Systems Protection
- 10 Board;
- 11 (ix) the Metropolitan Washington Air-
- 12 ports Authority;
- 13 (x) the National Association of Reg-
- 14 istered Agents and Brokers;
- 15 (xi) the National Consumer Coopera-
- 16 tive Bank;
- 17 (xii) the National Indian Gaming
- 18 Commission;
- 19 (xiii) the National Mediation Board;
- 20 (xiv) the Nuclear Regulatory Commis-
- 21 sion;
- 22 (xv) the National Transportation
- 23 Safety Board;
- 24 (xvi) the Office of Special Counsel;

- 1 (xvii) the Occupational Safety and
2 Health Review Commission;
3 (xviii) the Financial Oversight and
4 Management Board for Puerto Rico;
5 (xix) the State Justice Institute;
6 (xx) the Social Security Advisory
7 Board;
8 (xxi) the Surface Transportation
9 Board; and
10 (xxii) the United States Institute of
11 Peace.

12 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(a)(1) of H.R.
14 7326, as passed by the House of Representatives on
15 December 3, 2024, shall have the force and effect of
16 law.

17 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
18 take effect before the amendments made by sub-
19 section (a)(1).

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