

INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978

Pub. L. 95-452, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101, as amended by Pub. L. 96-88, title V, § 508(n), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 97-113, title VII, § 705(a)(1)-(3), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1544; Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, § 1117(a)-(c), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 750-752; Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 150(a), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 99-399, title IV, § 412(a), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 867; Pub. L. 100-504, title I, §§ 102(a)-(d), (f), (g), 104(a), 105-107, 109, 110, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2515-2529; Pub. L. 100-527, § 13(h), Oct. 25, 1988, 102 Stat. 2643; Pub. L. 101-73, title V, § 501(b)(1), title VII, § 702(c), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 393, 415; Pub. L. 102-233, title III, § 315(a), Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1772; Pub. L. 103-82, title II, § 202(g)(1), (2)(A), (3)(A), (4), (5), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 889, 890; Pub. L. 103-204, § 23(a), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2407; Pub. L. 103-296, title I, § 108(l), Aug. 15, 1994, 108 Stat. 1488; Pub. L. 103-325, title I, § 118(a), Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2188; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, § 319, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 949; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, § 1502(f)(6), div. D, title XLIII, § 4322(b)(1), (3), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 510, 677; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(f) [title VI, § 662(b), title VIII, § 805(c)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-314, 3009-379, 3009-393; Pub. L. 105-134, title IV, § 409(a)(1), Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2586; Pub. L. 105-206, title I, § 1103(a)-(c)(1), (e)(1)-(3), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 705, 708, 709; Pub. L. 105-272, title VII, § 702(b), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2415; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title III, § 306(h), as added Pub. L. 106-31, title I, § 105(a)(5), May 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 63; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, title XIII, § 1314(b), title XIV, § 1422(b)(2), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-776, 2681-792; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, § 1067(17), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 775; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [title II, § 205], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-422; Pub. L. 106-422, § 1(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1872; Pub. L. 107-108, title III, § 309(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1400; Pub. L. 107-189, § 22(a), (c), (d), June 14, 2002, 116 Stat. 707, 708; Pub. L. 107-252, title VIII, § 812(a), Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1727; Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title III, § 308, Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1784; Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, §§ 811(e), 812(a), title XI, § 1112(a), title XVII, § 1701, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2221, 2222, 2275, 2313; Pub. L. 107-306, title VIII, § 825, Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2429

§ 1. Short title

This Act be cited as the “Inspector General Act of 1978”.

(Pub. L. 95-452, § 1, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101.)

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-272, title VII, § 701(a), Oct. 20, 1998, 112 Stat. 2413, provided that: “This title [enacting section 8H of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, amending section 8I of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, and section 403q of Title 50, War and National Defense, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 8H of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] may be cited as the ‘Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 101, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2515, provided that: “This title [enacting sections 8B-8F of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, amending sections 2, 4-6, 8, 9, and 11 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix, sections 5315 and 5316 of this title, sections 405 and 1105 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and section 410 of Title 39, Postal Service, repealing sections 3521-3527 and 7138 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and section 231v of Title 45, Railroads, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1, 5, 8D, 8E, and 9 of Pub. L. 95-452, set out in this Appendix] may be cited as the ‘Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988’.”

PAYMENT AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 100-504, title I, § 112, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2530, provided that: “Any authority to make payments under this title [see Short Title of 1988 Amendment note above] shall be effective only to such extent as provided in appropriations Acts.”

ACT REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

The Inspector General Act of 1978 is referred to in title 2 section 1602; title 7 sections 2270a, 6911; title 10 sections 133, 141, 1034, 2409, 3020, 5020, 8020; title 20 sections 761, 1082, 3412, 3422; title 22 sections 3929, 4861, 6203, 6207; title 29 sections 49h, 2935; title 31 sections 902, 3521, 3565, 3801, 3808, 9105; title 38 sections 312, 7366; title 39 section 410; title 41 sections 265, 422; title 42 sections 1320a-7a, 1320a-7c, 3515d, 12651e; title 44 sections 3535, 3545; title 48 sections 1422d, 1599, 1668, 1681b; title 49 section 114.

§ 2. Purpose and establishment of Offices of Inspector General; departments and agencies involved

In order to create independent and objective units—

(1) to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the establishments listed in section 11(2);

(2) to provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies for activities designed (A) to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and (B) to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in, such programs and operations; and

(3) to provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action;

there is established—