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H. R. 6984

To amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to require removal for cause of Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2020

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. LYNCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and 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 “Inspector General
5 Independence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 The Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)
8 is amended—

9 (1) in section 3(b)—

1 (A) by striking “An Inspector General”
2 and inserting “(1) An Inspector General”;

3 (B) by inserting after “by the President”
4 the following: “in accordance with paragraph
5 (2)”;

6 (C) by inserting at the end the following
7 new paragraph:

8 “(2) The President may remove an Inspector General
9 only for any of the following grounds (and the documenta-
10 tion of any such ground shall be included in the commu-
11 nication required pursuant to paragraph (1)):

12 “(A) Documented permanent incapacity.

13 “(B) Documented neglect of duty.

14 “(C) Documented malfeasance.

15 “(D) Documented conviction of a felony or con-
16 duct involving moral turpitude.

17 “(E) Documented knowing violation of a law or
18 regulation.

19 “(F) Documented gross mismanagement.

20 “(G) Documented gross waste of funds.

21 “(H) Documented abuse of authority.

22 “(I) Documented inefficiency.”; and

23 (2) in section 8G(e)(2), by adding at the end
24 the following new sentence: “An Inspector General
25 may be removed only for any of the following

1 grounds (and the documentation of any such ground
2 shall be included in the communication required pur-
3 suant to this paragraph):

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