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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIEU (for himself and Mr. HICE of Georgia) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in  
addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently  
determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provi-  
sions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To require congressional notification for certain changes in  
status of inspectors general, 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 “Inspector General Pro-  
5 tection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN**  
2 **STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

3 (a) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF  
4 OFFICES.—Section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of  
5 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid  
7 non-duty status,” after “is removed from office”;

8 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after  
9 “any such removal”; and

10 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-  
11 fore the removal”.

12 (b) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF  
13 DESIGNATED FEDERAL ENTITIES.—Section 8G(e)(2) of  
14 the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is  
15 amended—

16 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid  
17 non-duty status,” after “office”;

18 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after  
19 “any such removal”; and

20 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-  
21 fore the removal”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23 this section shall take effect 30 days after the date of the  
24 enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. PRESIDENTIAL EXPLANATION OF FAILURE TO**  
 2 **NOMINATE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 33 of  
 4 title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
 5 section 3349d the following new section:

6 **“§ 3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nomi-**  
 7 **nate an Inspector General**

8 “If the President fails to make a formal nomination  
 9 for a vacant Inspector General position that requires a for-  
 10 mal nomination by the President to be filled within the  
 11 period beginning on the date on which the vacancy oc-  
 12 curred and ending on the day that is 210 days after that  
 13 date, the President shall communicate, within 30 days  
 14 after the end of such period, to Congress in writing—

15 “(1) the reasons why the President has not yet  
 16 made a formal nomination; and

17 “(2) a target date for making a formal nomina-  
 18 tion.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 20 for chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, is amended  
 21 by inserting after the item relating to 3349d the following  
 22 new item:

“3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nominate an Inspector General.”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 24 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act and shall apply to any vacancy first oc-  
2 ccurring on or after that date.

3 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

4       The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
5 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
6 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
7 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
8 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
9 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
10 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
11 vote on passage.

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