

S 2530

A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: May 16, 2002

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 12, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thompson, Fred [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 16, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 25, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 12, 2002
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Amends the Inspector General Act of 1978 to permit each Inspector General, any Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, and any special agent supervised by such an Assistant Inspector General to be authorized by the Attorney General to: (1) carry a firearm while engaged in official duties or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General; (2) make an arrest without a warrant while engaged in such duties (or as such expressly authorized) for any offense against the United States committed in the presence of such Inspector, Assistant Inspector, or agent, or for any felony; and (3) seek and execute warrants for an arrest, search, or seizure.

Empowers the Attorney General to authorize the exercise of such powers only upon an initial determination that: (1) the affected Office of Inspector General is significantly hampered in the performance of such responsibilities as a result of the lack of such powers; (2) available assistance from other law enforcement agencies is insufficient to meet the need for exercising such powers; and (3) adequate internal safeguards and management procedures exist to ensure proper exercise of those powers.

Exempts specified Offices of Inspector General from such an initial determination of eligibility. Directs such Offices to collectively enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish an external review process for ensuring that such safeguards and procedures continue to exist within each Office and any Office that receives such an authorization.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 12, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Oct 21, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 21, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 21, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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- **Oct 17, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10749-10751; text as passed Senate: CR S10750-10751)
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 25, 2002:** Committee on Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman without amendment. With written report No. 107-176.
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- **Jun 25, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 443.
- **May 22, 2002:** Committee on Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 16, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 16, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.