

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Creating the Office of Inspector-General for the Department of Health and Welfare.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 2, § 6, sub-§ 6, amended. Subsection 6 of section 6 of Title 2 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by inserting after the 6th line the following:

Inspector-General for the Department of Health and Welfare;

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 3, § 163, sub-§ 16, additional. Section 163 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 16 to read as follows:

16. **Inspector-General.** The Legislative Research Committee shall appoint an Inspector-General for the Department of Health and Welfare. He shall be chosen without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of fitness to perform the duties of his office. He shall serve at the pleasure of the Legislative Research Committee. His duties shall be:

A. To serve as executive secretary of the State Board of Health and Welfare;

B. To serve as research assistant to all legislative committees which consider matters relating to the Department of Health and Welfare;

C. To conduct continuous reviews of the operations of the State Department of Health and Welfare to insure proper expenditure of welfare and health funds. These reviews shall be for the use of the state board and interested welfare and health committees;

D. To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the functions, powers or duties set forth to the extent they conform with applicable federal requirements, if any;

E. To appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, such clerical assistants as may be necessary to carry out this section.

Each state department and agency shall furnish to the Inspector-General such documents, material or information as may be requested by the Inspector-General to carry out his duties.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the office of Inspector-General for the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$42,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1973-74	1974-75
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Office of Inspector-General		
Personal Services	(2) \$15,000	(2) \$21,000
All Other	2,000	3,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000	—
	<hr/> \$18,000	<hr/> \$24,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.