STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to establishing an independent inspector general in each county to oversee police activity and investigate police misconduct

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 209-h to read as follows:

§ 209-h. Independent inspector general for police misconduct. 1. The county legislative body in each county shall appoint an independent inspector general to oversee police activity and investigate allegations of police misconduct.

2. The independent inspector general for each county shall, on an ongoing basis, investigate, review, study, audit, and make recommendations relating to the operations, policies, programs, and practices of each police department in such county with the goal of enhancing the effectiveness of such departments, increasing public safety, protecting civil liberties and civil rights, and increasing the public's confidence in the police force.

3. The independent inspector general for each county shall report their findings to the county legislative body and the district attorney in each county on an annual basis.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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