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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the authority of the welfare inspector general to conduct investigations

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 48 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 754 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

5. [~~On the initiative of the office and at~~] **At** the direction of the welfare inspector general, to conduct any investigation: of the operations of the state social services department and local social services districts, the state health department and local health departments, and the state department of mental hygiene and community mental health boards in order to insure proper expenditure of welfare funds; of violations of the welfare system; of failure to prosecute welfare frauds; of failure to enforce the state's laws regarding the employment of welfare recipients in available employment; of failure of local officials and employees to comply with state law, rules, and regulations regarding welfare administration which shall be deemed to include medical assistance, and other matters relating thereto.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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