

HOUSE BILL NO. 891

INTRODUCED BY B. MERCER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS RELEVANT TO INVESTIGATIONS OF WASTE, FRAUD, OR ABUSE; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Department of public health and human services to investigate reports of waste, fraud, or abuse -- subpoena power. (1) There is an office of inspector general in the department of public health and human services. The office of inspector general may issue a subpoena to compel the production of financial records, documents, records, or data, including information in electronic form, relevant to its investigation of waste, fraud, or abuse in health care services and public assistance programs administered by the department.

(2) A subpoena must be signed by the director of the department of public health and human services and the inspector general.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$5,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to implement the provisions of [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 2, part 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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