



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:

**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.

**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].

**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].

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 891, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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