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## **AN ACT**

To amend Section 13 of Act No. 15-2017, as amended, known as the “Inspector General of Puerto Rico Act,” in order to require government entities to include on their websites an exclusive section or link that redirects any citizen using it to the official website of the Office of the Inspector General; and for other related purposes.

### **STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

The Office of the Inspector General of Puerto Rico (OIG) was created by Act No. 15-2017, as amended, known as the “Inspector General of Puerto Rico Act,” to promote the optimal use of public resources. The OIG intervenes with government entities in a preventive manner to ensure the appropriate and responsible use of public funds and property.

The purpose of this Act is to require the entities under the OIG’s jurisdiction to include on their websites an exclusive section or link that redirects visitors to the official website of the OIG. This shall make it easier for citizens and public servants to file complaints and grievances or report any irregularities thus promoting a direct and accessible mechanism for communication and citizen oversight.

The websites of the various agencies of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government comply with a similar provision by including a link that redirects citizens to the official website of the Inspector General thus enabling them to report fraud, waste, abuse, and misuse of public funds. This shall enable us to continue to

strengthen the investigative function of the OIG while providing citizens with tools that allow them to officially report fraud, corruption, or misuse of public funds.

In light of the foregoing, this Legislative Assembly deems it necessary and appropriate to amend the Inspector General of Puerto Rico Act to reinforce the State's commitment to sound, streamlined, and responsible administration.

***BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:***

Section 1. — Section 13 of Act No. 15-2017, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 13. — Responsibility of Government Entities.

Every secretary, director, or head ...

Furthermore, every government entity shall include on its website an exclusive section or link that redirects citizens or public servants to the official website of the OIG thus providing the general public with quick access thereto. For these purposes, the Inspector General shall prescribe requirements by regulation or circular letter. The agencies with websites administered by the Puerto Rico Innovation and Technology Services (PRITS) shall be required to request that the necessary changes be made to their official websites and PRITS shall include the appropriate section or links.

Section 2. — Rulemaking Authority.

The Office of the Inspector General of Puerto Rico is hereby directed to promulgate regulations or rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within a period not to exceed sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act.

Section 3. — Effectiveness.

This Act shall take effect upon its approval.