

1 AN ACT in relation to highways.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Toll Highway Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 8.1 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 10/8.1 new)

7 Sec. 8.1. Inspector General.

8 (a) The Governor shall nominate and, by and with the  
9 advice and consent of the Senate, appoint an Inspector  
10 General who shall have the authority to conduct  
11 investigations into allegations or incidents of waste, fraud,  
12 and financial mismanagement in Authority operations involving  
13 an Authority employee or contractor. The Inspector General  
14 shall make recommendations to the Authority regarding his or  
15 her investigations. The Inspector General shall be appointed  
16 for a term of 4 years. The Inspector General shall be  
17 independent of the operations of the Authority and perform  
18 other duties as requested by the Authority.

19 (b) The Inspector General shall have access to all  
20 information and personnel necessary to perform the duties of  
21 the office. If the Inspector General determines that a  
22 possible criminal act has been committed or that special  
23 expertise is required in the investigation, he or she shall  
24 immediately notify the Department of State Police. All  
25 investigations conducted by the Inspector General shall be  
26 conducted in a manner that ensures the preservation of  
27 evidence for use in criminal prosecutions.

28 (c) At all times, the Inspector General shall be granted  
29 access to any building or facility that is owned, operated,  
30 or leased by the Authority.

31 (d) The Inspector General shall have the power to

1 subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books and  
2 papers pertinent to an investigation authorized by this  
3 Section. Any person who:

4 (1) fails to appear in response to a subpoena;

5 (2) fails to answer any question pursuant to an  
6 investigation under this Section;

7 (3) fails to produce any books or papers pertinent  
8 to an investigation under this Section; or

9 (4) knowingly gives false testimony during an  
10 investigation under this Section

11 is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

12 (e) The Inspector General shall provide to the Authority  
13 and the General Assembly a summary of reports and  
14 investigations made under this Section for the previous  
15 fiscal year no later than January 1 of each year. The  
16 summaries shall detail the final disposition of the Inspector  
17 General's recommendations. The summaries shall not contain  
18 any confidential or identifying information concerning the  
19 subjects of the reports and investigations. The summaries  
20 shall also include detailed, recommended administrative  
21 actions and matters for consideration by the General  
22 Assembly.