

# SENATE BILL No. 843

March 4, 2014, Introduced by Senators JONES, BOOHER, ROBERTSON, PROOS and SCHUITMAKER and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
by amending section 43b (MCL 400.43b), as added by 2002 PA 573.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 43b. (1) An office of inspector general is established as  
2 a criminal justice agency in the ~~family independence agency.~~

3 **DEPARTMENT.** The primary duty of the inspector general is to  
4 investigate cases of alleged fraud within the department. The  
5 inspector general shall also perform the following activities:

6       (a) Investigate fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs  
7 administered by the ~~family independence agency.~~**DEPARTMENT.**

8       (b) Make referrals for prosecution and disposition of  
9 appropriate cases as determined by the inspector general.

10       (c) Review administrative policies, practices, and procedures.

1 (d) Make recommendations to improve program integrity and  
2 accountability.

3 (2) THE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT AGENTS WITH LIMITED ARREST POWERS  
4 FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE  
5 AGENTS APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
6 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND HAVE ALL POWERS CONFERRED UPON  
7 PEACE OFFICERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE GENERAL LAWS OF  
8 THIS STATE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT. THE DIRECTOR  
9 MAY AUTHORIZE AGENTS OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO CARRY A  
10 FIREARM.

11 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE LIMITED ARREST AUTHORITY GRANTED IN  
12 SUBSECTION (2), AN AGENT OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHILE  
13 ON DUTY, MAY ARREST A PERSON WITHOUT A WARRANT IF 1 OR MORE OF THE  
14 FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST:

15 (A) THE AGENT HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A FELONY  
16 HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE PERSON  
17 COMMITTED IT.

18 (B) THE AGENT HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A FELONY OFFENSE  
19 FOR FINANCIAL GAIN UNDER SECTION 159G(D) OR 159G(E) OF THE MICHIGAN  
20 PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.159G, HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND  
REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE PERSON COMMITTED IT.

21 (C) THE AGENT HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A FELONY  
22 OFFENSE UNDER SECTION 300A OF THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931 PA 328,  
23 MCL 750.300A, HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE  
24 THAT THE PERSON COMMITTED IT.

25 (D) THE AGENT HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A FELONY

1 OFFENSE USING A FRAUDULENT DEVICE TO OBTAIN RELIEF UNDER SECTION 60  
2 HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE PERSON  
3 COMMITTED IT.

4 (E) THE AGENT HAS RECEIVED POSITIVE INFORMATION BY WRITTEN,  
5 TELEGRAPHIC, TELETYPIC, TELEPHONIC, RADIO, OR OTHER AUTHORITATIVE  
6 SOURCE THAT A PEACE OFFICER HOLDS A WARRANT FOR THE PERSON'S  
7 ARREST.