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118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4143

[Report No. 118-175]

To amend the National Construction Safety Team Act to enable the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate structures other than buildings to inform the development of engineering standards, best practices, and building codes related to such structures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Mr. LUCAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Additional sponsors: Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Ms. CARAVEO, Ms. ROSS, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, and Ms. NORTON

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Reported from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Construction
5 Safety Team Enhancement Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TEAM EN-**
7 **HANCEMENT.**

8 The National Construction Safety Team Act is
9 amended—

10 (1) in section 2 (15 U.S.C. 7301)—

11 (A) in subsection (a)—

12 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
13 “buildings” and inserting “structure”; and

14 (ii) by inserting after the first sen-
15 tence the following new sentence: “In in-
16 stances in which the failure of the building
17 or structure is the proper subject for inves-
18 tigation by another Federal agency, the
19 Director shall defer to the authority of
20 such agency.”;

21 (B) in subsection (b)—

22 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
23 “buildings” and inserting “the built envi-
24 ronment”; and

25 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

1 (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-
2 serting “or structure” after “build-
3 ing”;

4 (II) in subparagraph (C), by
5 striking “building standards, codes,
6 and practices” and inserting “engi-
7 neering standards, practices, and
8 building codes”; and

9 (III) in subparagraph (D), by
10 striking “buildings” and inserting
11 “the built environment”; and

12 (C) in subsection (c)(1)—

13 (i) in subparagraph (G), by inserting
14 “or structure” after “building”; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (J)—

16 (I) by inserting “or structure”
17 after “building”; and

18 (II) by inserting “or the National
19 Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of
20 2004” after “1977”;

21 (2) in section 4 (15 U.S.C. 7303)—

22 (A) by striking the term “building” each
23 place it appears; and

24 (B) by inserting “building or structure”
25 before “failure” each place it appears;

1 (3) in section 7 (15 U.S.C. 7306), by inserting
2 “or structure” after “building”;

3 (4) in section 8 (15 U.S.C. 7307)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or
5 structure” after “building”;

6 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “stand-
7 ards, codes, and practices” and inserting “engi-
8 neering standards, practices, and building
9 codes”; and

10 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and
11 structure” after “building”;

12 (5) in section 9(2) (15 U.S.C. 7308(2)), by
13 striking “building standards, codes, and practices”
14 each place it appears and inserting “engineering
15 standards, practices, and building codes”;

16 (6) in section 14 (15 U.S.C. 7312), by striking
17 “building standards, codes, or practices” and insert-
18 ing “engineering standards, practices, and building
19 codes”; and

20 (7) by amending section 15 (15 U.S.C. 7313)
21 to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 15. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Direc-
24 tor of the National Institute of Standards and Technology
25 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027.”.

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