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118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4143

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TEAM EN-**  
5 **HANCEMENT.**

6 The National Construction Safety Team Act is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in section 2 (15 U.S.C. 7301)—

9 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

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

19 (B) in subsection (b)—

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

23 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

24 (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-  
25 serting “or structure” after “build-  
26 ing”;

1 (II) in subparagraph (C), by  
2 striking “building standards, codes,  
3 and practices” and inserting “engi-  
4 neering standards, practices, and  
5 building codes”; and

6 (III) in subparagraph (D), by  
7 striking “buildings” and inserting  
8 “the built environment”; and

9 (C) in subsection (c)(1)—

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

12 (ii) in subparagraph (J)—

13 (I) by inserting “or structure”  
14 after “building”; and

15 (II) by inserting “or the National  
16 Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of  
17 2004” after “1977”;

18 (2) in section 4 (15 U.S.C. 7303)—

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

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

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

25 (4) in section 8 (15 U.S.C. 7307)—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Direc-  
21 tor of the National Institute of Standards and Technology  
22 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027.”.