

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4446

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2024

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TEAM EN-**
2 **HANCEMENT.**

3 The National Construction Safety Team Act is
4 amended—

5 (1) in section 2 (15 U.S.C. 7301)—

6 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

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

16 (B) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
18 “buildings” and inserting “the built envi-
19 ronment”; and

20 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

21 (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-
22 serting “or structure” after “build-
23 ing”;

24 (II) in subparagraph (C), by
25 striking “building standards, codes,
26 and practices” and inserting “engi-

1 neering standards, practices, and
2 building codes”; and

3 (III) in subparagraph (D), by
4 striking “buildings” and inserting
5 “the built environment”; and

6 (C) in subsection (c)(1)—

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

9 (ii) in subparagraph (J)—

10 (I) by inserting “or structure”
11 after “building”; and

12 (II) by inserting “or the National
13 Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of
14 2004” after “1977”;

15 (2) in section 4 (15 U.S.C. 7303)—

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

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

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

22 (4) in section 8 (15 U.S.C. 7307)—

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

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

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

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

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

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