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To require the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to monitor the long-term health of firefighters involved in fighting fires within Federal disaster areas.

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Firefighters Medical Moni-
 5 toring Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. MONITORING OF FIREFIGHTERS IN DISASTER** 7 **AREAS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
 9 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Na-
 10 tional Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, shall
 11 monitor the long-term medical health of firefighters who
 12 have fought fires in any area for which the President has
 13 declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford
 14 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

15 (b) HEALTH MONITORING.—Long-term health moni-
 16 toring pursuant to subsection (a) with respect to a major
 17 disaster shall include monitoring for pulmonary illnesses,
 18 neurological damage, and cardiovascular damage and shall
 19 utilize the medical expertise available in all local areas af-
 20 fected by the disaster.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—To carry out this section,
2 there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may
3 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

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