

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6867

AN ACT

To provide for additional emergency unemployment
compensation.

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 “Unemployment Com-
3 pensation Extension Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FIRST-TIER BENEFITS.**

5 Section 4002(b)(1) of the Supplemental Appropria-
6 tions Act, 2008 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “50” and
8 inserting “80”; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “13” and
10 inserting “20”.

11 **SEC. 3. SECOND-TIER BENEFITS.**

12 Section 4002 of the Supplemental Appropriations
13 Act, 2008 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by adding
14 at the end the following:

15 “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, at the time that the
17 amount established in an individual’s account under
18 subsection (b)(1) is exhausted or at any time there-
19 after, such individual’s State is in an extended ben-
20 efit period (as determined under paragraph (2)),
21 such account shall be augmented by an amount
22 equal to the lesser of—

23 “(A) 50 percent of the total amount of
24 regular compensation (including dependents’ al-
25 lowances) payable to the individual during the
26 individual’s benefit year under the State law, or

1 “(B) 13 times the individual’s average
2 weekly benefit amount (as determined under
3 subsection (b)(2)) for the benefit year.

4 “(2) EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD.—For pur-
5 poses of paragraph (1), a State shall be considered
6 to be in an extended benefit period, as of any given
7 time, if—

8 “(A) such a period is then in effect for
9 such State under the Federal-State Extended
10 Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

11 “(B) such a period would then be in effect
12 for such State under such Act if section 203(d)
13 of such Act—

14 “(i) were applied by substituting ‘4’
15 for ‘5’ each place it appears; and

16 “(ii) did not include the requirement
17 under paragraph (1)(A) thereof; or

18 “(C) such a period would then be in effect
19 for such State under such Act if—

20 “(i) section 203(f) of such Act were
21 applied to such State (regardless of wheth-
22 er the State by law had provided for such
23 application); and

24 “(ii) such section 203(f)—

1 “(I) were applied by substituting
2 ‘6.0’ for ‘6.5’ in paragraph (1)(A)(i)
3 thereof; and

4 “(II) did not include the require-
5 ment under paragraph (1)(A)(ii)
6 thereof.

7 “(3) LIMITATION.—The account of an indi-
8 vidual may be augmented not more than once under
9 this subsection.”.

10 **SEC. 4. PHASEOUT PROVISIONS.**

11 Section 4007(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations
12 Act, 2008 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
14 (2),” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3),”; and

15 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
16 following:

17 “(2) NO AUGMENTATION AFTER MARCH 31,
18 2009.—If the amount established in an individual’s
19 account under subsection (b)(1) is exhausted after
20 March 31, 2009, then section 4002(c) shall not
21 apply and such account shall not be augmented
22 under such section, regardless of whether such indi-
23 vidual’s State is in an extended benefit period (as
24 determined under paragraph (2) of such section).

1 “(3) **TERMINATION.**—No compensation under
2 this title shall be payable for any week beginning
3 after August 27, 2009.”.

4 **SEC. 5. TEMPORARY FEDERAL MATCHING FOR THE FIRST**
5 **WEEK OF EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR STATES**
6 **WITH NO WAITING WEEK.**

7 With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
9 on or before December 8, 2009, subparagraph (B) of sec-
10 tion 204(a)(2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemploy-
11 ment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)
12 shall not apply.

13 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by sec-
15 tions 2, 3, and 4 shall apply as if included in the enact-
16 ment of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008, sub-
17 ject to subsection (b).

18 (b) **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.**—In applying the amend-
19 ments made by sections 2 and 3, any additional emergency
20 unemployment compensation made payable by such
21 amendments (which would not otherwise have been pay-
22 able if such amendments had not been enacted) shall be
23 payable only with respect to any week of unemployment

1 beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this
2 Act.

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2008.

Attest:

Clerk.

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