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H. R. 6867

To provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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compensation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, at the time that the
9 amount established in an individual’s account under
10 subsection (b)(1) is exhausted or at any time there-
11 after, such individual’s State is in an extended ben-
12 efit period (as determined under paragraph (2)),
13 such account shall be augmented by an amount
14 equal to the lesser of—

15 “(A) 50 percent of the total amount of
16 regular compensation (including dependents’ al-
17 lowances) payable to the individual during the
18 individual’s benefit year under the State law, or

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

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

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

4 “(B) such a period would then be in effect
5 for such State under such Act if section 203(d)
6 of such Act—

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

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

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

13 “(i) section 203(f) of such Act were
14 applied to such State (regardless of wheth-
15 er the State by law had provided for such
16 application); and

17 “(ii) such section 203(f)—

18 “(I) were applied by substituting
19 ‘6.0’ for ‘6.5’ in paragraph (1)(A)(i)
20 thereof; and

21 “(II) did not include the require-
22 ment under paragraph (1)(A)(ii)
23 thereof.

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

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

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

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
8 (2),” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3),”; and
9 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
10 following:

11 “(2) NO AUGMENTATION AFTER MARCH 31,
12 2009.—If the amount established in an individual’s
13 account under subsection (b)(1) is exhausted after
14 March 31, 2009, then section 4002(c) shall not
15 apply and such account shall not be augmented
16 under such section, regardless of whether such indi-
17 vidual’s State is in an extended benefit period (as
18 determined under paragraph (2) of such section).

19 “(3) TERMINATION.—No compensation under
20 this title shall be payable for any week beginning
21 after November 27, 2009.”.

1 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall apply as if
3 included in the enactment of the Supplemental Appropria-
4 tions Act, 2008.

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