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To amend title IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for additional weeks of first-tier emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 9, 2011

Ms. Lee of California (for herself, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Hastings of Florida, Ms. Norton, Mr. Payne, Mr. Loebsack, Mr. Al Green of Texas, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Jackson Lee of Texas, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Fudge, Ms. Moore, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Brown of Florida, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Filner, Mrs. Maloney, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fattah, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Waters, Mr. Cohen, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. Stark, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Hinchey, Ms. Clarke of New York, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Mr. Baca, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Towns, Mr. Meeks, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Ms. Bass of California, Mr. Honda, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, and Mr. Rush) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend title IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for additional weeks of first-tier emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Unemployment Compensation Expansion Act of 2011”.

SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FIRST-TIER EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4002(b)(1) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “80” and inserting “131”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “20” and inserting “34”.

(b) COORDINATION RULE.—Section 4002(f) of such Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) Rules relating to additional weeks of first-tier emergency unemployment compensation.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If a State determines that implementation of the increased entitlement to first-tier emergency unemployment compensation by reason of the amendments made by section 2(a) of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Expansion Act of 2011 would unduly delay the prompt payment of emergency unemployment compensation under this title, such State may elect to pay second-
tier, third-tier, or fourth-tier emergency unem-
ployment compensation (or a combination of
those tiers) prior to the payment of such in-
creased first-tier emergency unemployment
compensation until such time as such State de-
determines that such increased first-tier emer-
gency unemployment compensation may be paid
without undue delay.

“(B) SPECIAL RULES.—If a State makes
an election under subparagraph (A) which re-
sults in—

“(i) the payment of second-tier (but
not third-tier) emergency unemployment
compensation prior to the payment of in-
creased first-tier emergency unemployment
compensation, then, for purposes of deter-
mining whether an account may be aug-
mented for third-tier emergency unemploy-
ment compensation under subsection (d),
such State shall treat the date of exhaus-
tion of such increased first-tier emergency
unemployment compensation as the date of
exhaustion of second-tier emergency unem-
ployment compensation, if such date is
later than the date of exhaustion of the
second-tier emergency unemployment compensation; or

“(ii) the payment of third-tier emergency unemployment compensation prior to the payment of increased first-tier emergency unemployment compensation, then, for purposes of determining whether an account may be augmented for fourth-tier emergency unemployment compensation under subsection (e), such State shall treat the date of exhaustion of such increased first-tier emergency unemployment compensation as the date of exhaustion of third-tier emergency unemployment compensation, if such date is later than the date of exhaustion of the third-tier emergency unemployment compensation.

“(4) COORDINATION OF MODIFICATIONS (RELATING TO ADDITIONAL FIRST-TIER EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION) WITH EXTENDED COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding an election under section 4001(e) by a State to provide for the payment of emergency unemployment compensation prior to extended compensation, such State may pay extended compensation to an otherwise eligible indi-
individual prior to any additional emergency unemploy-
ment compensation under subsection (b) (payable by
reason of the amendments made by section 2(a) of
the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Ex-
pansion Act of 2011), if such individual claimed ex-
tended compensation for at least 1 week of unem-
ployment after the exhaustion of emergency unem-
ployment compensation under subsection (b) (as
such subsection was in effect on the day before the
date of the enactment of this paragraph), (c), (d),
or (e).”.

(c) FUNDING.—Section 4004(e)(1) of such Act, as
amended by section 501(b) of the Tax Relief, Unemploy-
ment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of
2010 (Public Law 111–312), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
the end; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
lowing:

“(H) the amendments made by section
2(a) of the Emergency Unemployment Com-
pensation Expansion Act of 2011; and”.

(d) MODIFIED PROGRAM TERMINATION DATE.—Sec-
tion 4007(b)(3) of such Act, as amended by section
501(a)(1)(C) of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance
Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–312) is amended by striking “June 9, 2012” and inserting “September 22, 2012”.

SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.

The Secretary of Labor may prescribe any operating instructions or regulations necessary to carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–205), except that no additional first-tier emergency unemployment compensation shall be payable by virtue of the amendments made by section 2(a) with respect to any week of unemployment commencing before the date of the enactment of this Act.