H. R. 3936

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Van Hollen (for himself and Mr. Levin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

To provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, 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 Extension Act of 2014”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:
(1) Emergency unemployment compensation benefits expired at the end of 2013.

(2) 1.3 million unemployed workers and their families immediately lost access to benefits. Thousands more unemployed workers are losing benefits each week.

(3) Excluding title IV, which focuses on nutrition, the Agricultural Act of 2014, which has passed the House, generates savings to offset the cost of this Act. If savings are not sufficient, Congress will direct offsets from other legislation to fully offset this Act.

(4) Consistent with the statutory pay-as-you-go scorecard and the spirit of House rules that allow savings from one bill to be counted in evaluating language in another paired bill, the savings generated by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (not including title IV) provide an offset for the benefits provided in this Act.

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

(a) EXTENSION.—Section 4007(a)(2) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by striking “January 1, 2014” and inserting “July 1, 2014”.

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(b) FUNDING.—Section 4004(e)(1) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

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

(2) in subparagraph (J), by inserting “and” at the end; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the following:

“(K) the amendments made by section 2(a) of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2014;”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–240).

SEC. 4. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF EXTENDED BENEFIT PROVISIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2005 of the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act, as contained in Public Law 111–5 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note), is amended—

(1) by striking “December 31, 2013” each place it appears and inserting “June 30, 2014”; and
(2) in subsection (c), by striking “June 30, 2014” and inserting “December 31, 2014”.


(c) Extension of Modification of Indicators Under the Extended Benefit Program.—Section 203 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d), by striking “December 31, 2013” and inserting “June 30, 2014”; and

(2) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “December 31, 2013” and inserting “June 30, 2014”.

(d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–240).

SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND REEMPLOYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES.

(a) In General.—Section 4004(c)(2)(A) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–
252; 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by striking “through fiscal year 2014” and inserting “through the second quarter of 2015”.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–240).

SEC. 6. ADDITIONAL EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

(a) Extension.—Section 2(c)(2)(D)(iii) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(c)(2)(D)(iii)) is amended—

(1) by striking “June 30, 2013” and inserting “December 31, 2013”; and

(2) by striking “December 31, 2013” and inserting “June 30, 2014”.

(b) Clarification on Authority To Use Funds.—Funds appropriated under either the first or second sentence of clause (iv) of section 2(c)(2)(D) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act shall be available to cover the cost of additional extended unemployment benefits provided under such section 2(c)(2)(D) by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a) as well as to cover the cost of such benefits provided under such section...
2(c)(2)(D), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) **Funding for Administration.**—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Railroad Retirement Board $62,500 for administrative expenses associated with the payment of additional extended unemployment benefits provided under section 2(c)(2)(D) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a), to remain available until expended.

**SEC. 7. Flexibility for Unemployment Program Agreements.**

(a) **Flexibility.**—

(1) **In General.**—Subsection (g) of section 4001 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) shall not apply with respect to a State that has enacted a law before December 1, 2013, that, upon taking effect, would violate such subsection.

(2) **Effective Date.**—Paragraph (1) is effective with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after December 29, 2013.

(b) **Permitting a Subsequent Agreement.**—Nothing in such title IV shall preclude a State whose
agreement under such title was terminated from entering
into a subsequent agreement under such title on or after
the date of the enactment of this Act if the State, taking
into account the application of subsection (a), would other-
wise meet the requirements for an agreement under such
title.