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H. R. 1239

To provide for emergency unemployment compensation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Ways and Means

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 the “Emergency Unemploy-
5 ment Compensation Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF TEM-**
7 **PORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COM-**
8 **PENSATION.**

9 (a) ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL WEEKS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section
11 203(b) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment

1 Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–147;
2 116 Stat. 28) is amended—

3 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “50
4 percent” and inserting “100 percent”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “13
6 times” and inserting “26 times”.

7 (2) REPEAL OF RESTRICTION ON AUGMENTA-
8 TION DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.—Section
9 208(b) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment
10 Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–147),
11 as amended by Public Law 108–1, is amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) by striking “paragraphs (2) and
14 (3)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

15 (ii) by inserting before the period at
16 the end the following: “, including such
17 compensation payable by reason of
18 amounts deposited in such account after
19 such date pursuant to the application of
20 subsection (c) of such section”;

21 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

22 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
23 paragraph (2).

24 (3) EXTENSION OF TRANSITION LIMITATION.—
25 Section 208(b)(2) of the Temporary Extended Un-

1 employment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law
2 107–147), as amended by Public Law 108–1 and as
3 redesignated by paragraph (2), is amended by strik-
4 ing “August 30, 2003” and inserting “December 27,
5 2003”.

6 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT FOR AUG-
7 MENTED BENEFITS.—Section 203(c)(1) of the Tem-
8 porary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act
9 of 2002 (Public Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 28) is
10 amended by striking “the amount originally estab-
11 lished in such account (as determined under sub-
12 section (b)(1))” and inserting “7 times the individ-
13 ual’s average weekly benefit amount for the benefit
14 year”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to weeks of
18 unemployment beginning on or after the date of en-
19 actment of this Act.

20 (2) TEUC–X AMOUNTS DEPOSITED IN AC-
21 COUNT PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACTMENT DEEMED TO
22 BE THE ADDITIONAL TEUC AMOUNTS PROVIDED BY
23 THIS SECTION.—In applying the amendments made
24 by subsection (a) under the Temporary Extended
25 Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public

1 Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 26), the Secretary of Labor
 2 shall deem any amounts deposited into an individ-
 3 ual’s temporary extended unemployment compensa-
 4 tion account by reason of section 203(c) of such Act
 5 (commonly known as “TEUC–X amounts”) prior to
 6 the date of enactment of this Act to be amounts de-
 7 posited in such account by reason of section 203(b)
 8 of such Act, as amended by subsection (a) (com-
 9 monly known as “TEUC amounts”).

10 (3) APPLICATION TO EXHAUSTEES AND CUR-
 11 RENT BENEFICIARIES.—

12 (A) EXHAUSTEES.—In the case of any in-
 13 dividual—

14 (i) to whom any temporary extended
 15 unemployment compensation was payable
 16 for any week beginning before the date of
 17 enactment of this Act; and

18 (ii) who exhausted such individual’s
 19 rights to such compensation (by reason of
 20 the payment of all amounts in such indi-
 21 vidual’s temporary extended unemployment
 22 compensation account) before such date,
 23 such individual’s eligibility for any additional
 24 weeks of temporary extended unemployment
 25 compensation by reason of the amendments

made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) CURRENT BENEFICIARIES.—In the case of any individual—

(i) to whom any temporary extended unemployment compensation was payable for any week beginning before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(ii) as to whom the condition described in subparagraph (A)(ii) does not apply,

such individual shall be eligible for temporary extended unemployment compensation (in accordance with the provisions of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, as amended by subsection (a)) with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

(4) REDETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AUGMENTED AMOUNTS FOR INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM SUCH A DETERMINATION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Any determination of whether the individual's State is in an extended benefit period under section 203(c) of the Temporary

1 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002
2 (Public Law 107–147; 116 Stat. 28) made prior to
3 the date of enactment of this Act shall be dis-
4 regarded and the determination under such section
5 shall be made as follows:

6 (A) INDIVIDUALS WHO EXHAUSTED ALL
7 TEUC AND TEUX-X AMOUNTS PRIOR TO THE
8 DATE OF ENACTMENT.—In the case of an indi-
9 vidual whose temporary extended unemploy-
10 ment account has, prior to the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act, been both augmented under
12 section 203(c) of the Temporary Extended Un-
13 employment Compensation Act of 2002 and ex-
14 hausted of all amounts by which it was so aug-
15 mented, the determination shall be made as of
16 such date of enactment.

17 (B) ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS.—In the
18 case of an individual who is not described in
19 subparagraph (A), the determination shall be
20 made at the time that the individual’s account
21 established under such section 203, as amended
22 by subsection (a), is exhausted.

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