## 112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 3598

To prohibit fees with respect to electronic benefit transfer debit cards used in connection with unemployment compensation.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**DECEMBER 7, 2011** 

Ms. Clarke of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

## A BILL

To prohibit fees with respect to electronic benefit transfer debit cards used in connection with unemployment compensation.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

  SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON CHARGING FEES IN CONNECTION WITH EBT DEBIT CARDS IN CONNECTION WITH UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

  (a) APPROVAL OF STATE LAWS.—Paragraph (4) of
- 8 section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
- 9 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

- 1 "For purposes of this paragraph, expenses of admin-
- 2 istration includes any fee in connection with the use
- 3 of electronic benefit transfer debit cards for the pay-
- 4 ment of unemployment compensation.".
- 5 (b) Unemployment Fund Definition.—Sub-
- 6 section (f) of section 3306 of such Code is amended by
- 7 adding at the end the following flush sentence:
- 8 "For purposes of this subsection, expenses of administra-
- 9 tion includes any fee in connection with the use of elec-
- 10 tronic benefit transfer debit cards for the payment of un-
- 11 employment compensation.".
- 12 (c) Certification.—Section 303(a)(5) of the Social
- 13 Security Act is amended by striking "and" at the end and
- 14 inserting the following: "Provided further, That, for pur-
- 15 poses of this paragraph, expenses of administration in-
- 16 cludes any fee in connection with the use of electronic ben-
- 17 efit transfer debit cards for the payment of unemployment
- 18 compensation; and".
- 19 (d) Effective Date.—In the case of any State, the
- 20 amendments made by this section shall apply with respect
- 21 to compensation paid for weeks which begin after the end
- 22 of the 1-month period beginning on the last day of the
- 23 first session of the State legislature which begins after the
- 24 date of the enactment of this Act.