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AN ACT

To provide for additional emergency unemployment 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—

1	(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "50" and
2	inserting "80"; and
3	(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking "13" and
4	inserting "20".
5	SEC. 3. SECOND-TIER BENEFITS.
6	Section 4002 of the Supplemental Appropriations
7	Act, 2008 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by adding
8	at the end the following:
9	"(c) Special Rule.—
10	"(1) IN GENERAL.—If, at the time that the
11	amount established in an individual's account under
12	subsection (b)(1) is exhausted or at any time there-
13	after, such individual's State is in an extended ben-
14	efit period (as determined under paragraph (2)),
15	such account shall be augmented by an amount
16	equal to the lesser of—
17	"(A) 50 percent of the total amount of
18	regular compensation (including dependents' al-
19	lowances) payable to the individual during the
20	individual's benefit year under the State law, or
21	"(B) 13 times the individual's average
22	weekly benefit amount (as determined under
23	subsection $(b)(2)$ for the benefit year.
24	"(2) Extended benefit period.—For pur-
25	poses of paragraph (1), a State shall be considered

1	to be in an extended benefit period, as of any given
2	time, if—
3	"(A) such a period is then in effect for
4	such State under the Federal-State Extended
5	Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;
6	"(B) such a period would then be in effect
7	for such State under such Act if section 203(d)
8	of such Act—
9	"(i) were applied by substituting '4'
10	for '5' each place it appears; and
11	"(ii) did not include the requirement
12	under paragraph (1)(A) thereof; or
13	"(C) such a period would then be in effect
14	for such State under such Act if—
15	"(i) section 203(f) of such Act were
16	applied to such State (regardless of wheth-
17	er the State by law had provided for such
18	application); and
19	"(ii) such section 203(f)—
20	"(I) were applied by substituting
21	'6.0' for '6.5' in paragraph (1)(A)(i)
22	thereof; and
23	"(II) did not include the require-
24	ment under paragraph (1)(A)(ii)
25	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 August 27, 2009.".

1 SEC. 5. TEMPORARY FEDERAL MATCHING FOR THE FIRST

- 2 WEEK OF EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR STATES
- 3 WITH NO WAITING WEEK.
- 4 With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning
- 5 after the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
- 6 on or before December 8, 2009, subparagraph (B) of sec-
- 7 tion 204(a)(2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemploy-
- 8 ment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)
- 9 shall not apply.
- 10 SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by sec-
- 12 tions 2, 3, and 4 shall apply as if included in the enact-
- 13 ment of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008, sub-
- 14 ject to subsection (b).
- 15 (b) Additional Benefits.—In applying the amend-
- 16 ments made by sections 2 and 3, any additional emergency
- 17 unemployment compensation made payable by such
- 18 amendments (which would not otherwise have been pay-
- 19 able if such amendments had not been enacted) shall be
- 20 payable only with respect to any week of unemployment
- 21 beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this
- 22 Act.

Passed the House of Representatives October 3, 2008.

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Clerk.

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