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# S. 3507

To provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “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 November 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 enactment of this Act and ending on or  
6 before December 8, 2009, subparagraph (B) of section  
7 204(a)(2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment  
8 Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) shall  
9 not apply.

10 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendments made by sections 2, 3, and 4 shall  
12 apply as if included in the enactment of the Supplemental  
13 Appropriations Act, 2008.

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