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H. R. 3756

To amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for additional weeks of emergency unemployment benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. PERRIELLO, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. HODES) 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 “Unemployment Com-
5 pensation Extension Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4002 of the Supplemental
8 Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 26

1 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(d) FURTHER ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY UNEM-
4 PLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, at the time that the
6 amount added to an individual’s account under sub-
7 section (c)(1) (hereinafter ‘additional emergency un-
8 employment compensation’) is exhausted or at any
9 time thereafter, such individual’s State is in an ex-
10 tended benefit period (as determined under para-
11 graph (2)), such account shall be further augmented
12 by an amount (hereinafter ‘further additional emer-
13 gency unemployment compensation’) equal to the
14 lesser of—

15 “(A) 50 percent of the total amount of
16 regular compensation (including dependents’ al-
17 lowances) payable to the individual during the
18 individual’s benefit year under the State law; or

19 “(B) 13 times the individual’s average
20 weekly benefit amount (as determined under
21 subsection (b)(2)) for the benefit year.

22 “(2) EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD.—For pur-
23 poses of paragraph (1), a State shall be considered
24 to be in an extended benefit period, as of any given
25 time, if—

1 “(A) such a period is then in effect for
2 such State under the Federal-State Extended
3 Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

4 “(B) such a period would then be in effect
5 for such State under such Act if section 203(d)
6 of such Act—

7 “(i) were applied by substituting ‘4’
8 for ‘5’ each place it appears; and

9 “(ii) did not include the requirement
10 under paragraph (1)(A) thereof; or

11 “(C) such a period would then be in effect
12 for such State under such Act if—

13 “(i) section 203(f) of such Act were
14 applied to such State (regardless of wheth-
15 er the State by law had provided for such
16 application); and

17 “(ii) such section 203(f)—

18 “(I) were applied by substituting
19 ‘6.0’ for ‘6.5’ in paragraph (1)(A)(i)
20 thereof; and

21 “(II) did not include the require-
22 ment under paragraph (1)(A)(ii)
23 thereof.

24 “(3) COORDINATION RULE.—Notwithstanding
25 an election under section 4001(e) by a State to pro-

1 vide for the payment of emergency unemployment
2 compensation prior to extended compensation, such
3 State may pay extended compensation to an other-
4 wise eligible individual prior to any further addi-
5 tional emergency unemployment compensation, if
6 such individual claimed extended compensation for
7 at least 1 week of unemployment after the exhaus-
8 tion of additional emergency unemployment com-
9 pensation.

10 “(4) LIMITATION.—The account of an indi-
11 vidual may be augmented not more than once under
12 this subsection.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO NON-AUGMENTA-
14 TION RULE.—Section 4007(b)(2) of the Supplemental Ap-
15 propriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 26 U.S.C.
16 3304 note) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “then section 4002(c)” and in-
18 serting “then subsections (c) and (d) of section
19 4002”; and

20 (2) by striking “paragraph (2) of such section)”
21 and inserting “paragraph (2) of such subsection (c)
22 or (d) (as the case may be))”.

23 (c) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Section 4004(e)(1) of
24 the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law
25 110–252; 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by striking

1 “Act;” and inserting “Act and the Unemployment Com-
2 pensation Extension Act of 2009”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply as if included in the enactment
5 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008, except that
6 no amount shall be payable by virtue of such amendments
7 with respect to any week of unemployment commencing
8 before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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