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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

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

A BILL

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debit cards used in connection with unemployment com-
pensation.

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. PROHIBITION ON CHARGING FEES IN CONNEC-**
4 **TION WITH EBT DEBIT CARDS IN CONNEC-**
5 **TION WITH UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSA-**
6 **TION.**

7 (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.

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