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To amend title IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for additional weeks of first-tier emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes.

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Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WATERS, Mr. COHEN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. STARK, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BACA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. BASS of California, Mr. HONDA, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. RUSH) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Unemploy-
3 ment Compensation Expansion Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FIRST-TIER EMERGENCY UNEMPLOY-
5 MENT COMPENSATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4002(b)(1) of the Supple-
7 mental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252;
8 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “80” and
10 inserting “131”; and

11 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “20” and
12 inserting “34”.

13 (b) COORDINATION RULE.—Section 4002(f) of such
14 Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(3) RULES RELATING TO ADDITIONAL WEEKS
16 OF FIRST-TIER EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
17 PENSATION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a State determines
19 that implementation of the increased entitle-
20 ment to first-tier emergency unemployment
21 compensation by reason of the amendments
22 made by section 2(a) of the Emergency Unem-
23 ployment Compensation Expansion Act of 2011
24 would unduly delay the prompt payment of
25 emergency unemployment compensation under
26 this title, such State may elect to pay second-

1 tier, third-tier, or fourth-tier emergency unem-
2 ployment compensation (or a combination of
3 those tiers) prior to the payment of such in-
4 creased first-tier emergency unemployment
5 compensation until such time as such State de-
6 termines that such increased first-tier emer-
7 gency unemployment compensation may be paid
8 without undue delay.

9 “(B) SPECIAL RULES.—If a State makes
10 an election under subparagraph (A) which re-
11 sults in—

12 “(i) the payment of second-tier (but
13 not third-tier) emergency unemployment
14 compensation prior to the payment of in-
15 creased first-tier emergency unemployment
16 compensation, then, for purposes of deter-
17 mining whether an account may be aug-
18 mented for third-tier emergency unemploy-
19 ment compensation under subsection (d),
20 such State shall treat the date of exhaus-
21 tion of such increased first-tier emergency
22 unemployment compensation as the date of
23 exhaustion of second-tier emergency unem-
24 ployment compensation, if such date is
25 later than the date of exhaustion of the

1 second-tier emergency unemployment com-
2 pensation; or

3 “(ii) the payment of third-tier emer-
4 gency unemployment compensation prior to
5 the payment of increased first-tier emer-
6 gency unemployment compensation, then,
7 for purposes of determining whether an ac-
8 count may be augmented for fourth-tier
9 emergency unemployment compensation
10 under subsection (e), such State shall treat
11 the date of exhaustion of such increased
12 first-tier emergency unemployment com-
13 pensation as the date of exhaustion of
14 third-tier emergency unemployment com-
15 pensation, if such date is later than the
16 date of exhaustion of the third-tier emer-
17 gency unemployment compensation.

18 “(4) COORDINATION OF MODIFICATIONS (RE-
19 LATING TO ADDITIONAL FIRST-TIER EMERGENCY
20 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION) WITH EXTENDED
21 COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding an election under
22 section 4001(e) by a State to provide for the pay-
23 ment of emergency unemployment compensation
24 prior to extended compensation, such State may pay
25 extended compensation to an otherwise eligible indi-

1 vidual prior to any additional emergency unemploy-
2 ment compensation under subsection (b) (payable by
3 reason of the amendments made by section 2(a) of
4 the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Ex-
5 pansion Act of 2011), if such individual claimed ex-
6 tended compensation for at least 1 week of unem-
7 ployment after the exhaustion of emergency unem-
8 ployment compensation under subsection (b) (as
9 such subsection was in effect on the day before the
10 date of the enactment of this paragraph), (c), (d),
11 or (e).”.

12 (c) FUNDING.—Section 4004(e)(1) of such Act, as
13 amended by section 501(b) of the Tax Relief, Unemploy-
14 ment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of
15 2010 (Public Law 111–312), is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
17 the end; and

18 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(H) the amendments made by section
21 2(a) of the Emergency Unemployment Com-
22 pensation Expansion Act of 2011; and”.

23 (d) MODIFIED PROGRAM TERMINATION DATE.—Sec-
24 tion 4007(b)(3) of such Act, as amended by section
25 501(a)(1)(C) of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance

1 Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (Public
2 Law 111–312) is amended by striking “June 9, 2012”
3 and inserting “September 22, 2012”.

4 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

5 The Secretary of Labor may prescribe any operating
6 instructions or regulations necessary to carry out this Act
7 and the amendments made by this Act.

8 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
10 as if included in the enactment of the Unemployment
11 Compensation Extension Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–
12 205), except that no additional first-tier emergency unem-
13 ployment compensation shall be payable by virtue of the
14 amendments made by section 2(a) with respect to any
15 week of unemployment commencing before the date of the
16 enactment of this Act.

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