

1 S.110

2 Introduced by Senator Sirotkin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Labor; unemployment insurance; Pandemic Emergency

6 Unemployment Compensation

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit
8 individuals to continue receiving Pandemic Emergency Unemployment
9 Compensation benefits if the individual is otherwise eligible to establish a new
10 unemployment insurance benefit year, but doing so would result in a reduction
11 of at least \$25.00 in the amount of weekly benefits the individual is eligible
12 for.

13 An act relating to extending eligibility for Pandemic Emergency
14 Unemployment Compensation

15 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

16 Sec. 1. CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR PANDEMIC EMERGENCY

17 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION; DELAY OF

18 SUBSEQUENT BENEFIT YEAR

19 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of 21 V.S.A. chapter 17 to the contrary,
20 an individual shall be eligible to receive or to continue to receive Pandemic

1 Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits in lieu of regular
2 unemployment insurance benefits if:

3 (1) the individual was determined to be eligible for Pandemic
4 Emergency Unemployment Compensation during a benefit year that expired
5 after December 27, 2020;

6 (2) the individual has remaining entitlement to Pandemic Emergency
7 Unemployment Compensation benefits with respect to the expired benefit year;

8 (3) the individual would qualify pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 17 for
9 regular unemployment insurance benefits in a new benefit year; and

10 (4) the weekly benefit amount for regular unemployment insurance
11 benefits in the new benefit year would be at least \$25.00 less than the weekly
12 benefit amount payable on the individual's Pandemic Emergency
13 Unemployment Compensation claim in the prior benefit year.

14 (b)(1) The new benefit year of an individual who is determined to be
15 eligible to receive or to continue receiving Pandemic Emergency
16 Unemployment Compensation benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of this
17 section shall not begin until after the individual has exhausted his or her
18 eligibility for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

19 (2) The individual's weekly benefit amount for the new benefit year
20 shall be determined based on the wages that would have been in the

1 individual's base period if the beginning of the new benefit year had not been
2 deferred pursuant to this section.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, this act shall take effect retroactively on
5 January 1, 2021.