

1 S.110

2 Introduced by Senator Sirotkin

3 Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General
4 Affairs

5 Date: March 9, 2021

6 Subject: Labor; unemployment insurance; Pandemic Emergency

7 Unemployment Compensation

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

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

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

17 Sec. 1. CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR PANDEMIC EMERGENCY

18 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION; DELAY OF

19 SUBSEQUENT BENEFIT YEAR

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of 21 V.S.A. chapter 17 to the contrary,
2 an individual shall be eligible to receive or to continue to receive Pandemic
3 Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits in lieu of regular
4 unemployment insurance benefits if:

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

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

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

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

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

1 (2) The individual's weekly benefit amount for the new benefit year
2 shall be determined based on the wages that would have been in the
3 individual's base period if the beginning of the new benefit year had not been
4 deferred pursuant to this section.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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