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To provide for demonstration projects to help improve the Nation's
unemployment compensation system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELLER of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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Nation's unemployment compensation system.

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 Improvement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED REEMPLOYMENT DEMONSTRATION**
7 **PROJECTS.**

8 Title III of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 501
9 and following) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

2 “SEC. 305. (a) The Secretary of Labor may enter
3 into agreements, with States submitting an application de-
4 scribed in subsection (b), for the purpose of allowing such
5 States to conduct demonstration projects to test and
6 evaluate measures designed—

7 “(1) to expedite, such as through the use of a wage
8 insurance program, the reemployment of individuals who
9 establish initial eligibility for unemployment compensation
10 under the State law of such State; or

11 “(2) to improve the effectiveness of such State in car-
12 rying out its State law.

13 “(b) The Governor of any State desiring to conduct
14 a demonstration project under this section shall submit
15 an application to the Secretary of Labor at such time, in
16 such manner, and including such information as the Sec-
17 retary of Labor may require. Any such application shall,
18 at a minimum, include—

19 “(1) a general description of the proposed dem-
20 onstration project, including the authority (under
21 the laws of the State) for the measures to be tested,
22 as well as the period of time during which such dem-
23 onstration project would be conducted;

24 “(2) if a waiver under subsection (c) is re-
25 quested, the specific aspects of the project to which

1 the waiver would apply and the reasons why such
2 waiver is needed;

3 “(3) a description of the goals and the expected
4 programmatic outcomes of the demonstration
5 project, including how the project would contribute
6 to the objective described in subsection (a)(1), sub-
7 section (a)(2), or both;

8 “(4) assurances (accompanied by supporting
9 analysis) that the demonstration project would not
10 result in any increased net costs to the State’s ac-
11 count in the Unemployment Trust Fund;

12 “(5) a description of the manner in which the
13 State—

14 “(A) will conduct an impact evaluation,
15 using a control or comparison group or other
16 valid methodology, of the demonstration project;
17 and

18 “(B) will determine the extent to which the
19 goals and outcomes described in paragraph (3)
20 were achieved; and

21 “(6) assurances that the State will provide any
22 reports relating to the demonstration project, after
23 its approval, as the Secretary of Labor may require.

24 “(c) The Secretary of Labor may waive any of the
25 requirements of section 3304(a)(4) of the Internal Rev-

1 enue Code of 1986 or of paragraph (1) or (5) of section
2 303(a), to the extent and for the period the Secretary of
3 Labor considers necessary to enable the State to carry out
4 a demonstration project under this section.

5 “(d) A demonstration project under this section—

6 “(1) may be commenced any time after Sep-
7 tember 30, 2007; and

8 “(2) may not, under subsection (b), be ap-
9 proved for a period of time greater than 2 years,
10 subject to extension upon request of the Governor of
11 the State involved for such additional period as the
12 Secretary of Labor may agree to, except that in no
13 event may a demonstration project under this sec-
14 tion be conducted after the end of the 5-year period
15 beginning on the date of the enactment of this sec-
16 tion.

17 “(e) The Secretary of Labor shall, in the case of any
18 State for which an application is submitted under sub-
19 section (b)—

20 “(1) notify the State as to whether such appli-
21 cation has been approved or denied within 90 days
22 after receipt of a complete application, and

23 “(2) provide public notice of the decision within
24 10 days after providing notification to the State in
25 accordance with paragraph (1).

1 Public notice under paragraph (2) may be provided
2 through the Internet or other appropriate means. Any ap-
3 plication under this section that has not been approved
4 within such 90 days shall be treated as denied.

5 “(f) The Secretary of Labor may terminate a dem-
6 onstration project under this section if the Secretary de-
7 termines that the State has not complied with the terms
8 and conditions of the project.”.

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