

Subject Iron Ore Mining Industry Additional Unemployment Benefits

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Summary

This bill would provide additional unemployment insurance benefits to applicants laid off by employers in the iron ore mining industry or employers supplying goods or services to iron mining industry employers. An otherwise eligible applicant who has exhausted other regular state and federal unemployment benefits may receive additional benefits until May 1, 2021, for a maximum of 26 weeks of additional benefits. The weekly amount of additional benefits is the same amount paid per week on the applicable regular benefit account. If an applicant qualifies for a new regular benefit account after exhausting regular benefits they must establish a new benefit account and will receive the greater of the new benefit amount or the additional benefit amount. Additional benefits paid will not affect an employer's experience rating for future tax purposes. An applicant who is eligible for other federal unemployment benefits or federal trade readjustment assistance is not eligible for additional benefits.