

Subject Unemployment insurance

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Summary

This bill extends unemployment benefits through March 19, 2027, for iron ore mining workers subject to mass layoffs between January 15 and March 15, 2026. This bill would be effective retroactively from January 15, 2026.

On top of the regular 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, an applicant is eligible for additional weeks of benefits if they earned at least 50 percent of their wage credits from an employer in the iron ore mining industry or related explosives manufacturing industry and were laid off by that employer. Eligible applicants would have to meet regular eligibility criteria. Applicants who have applied and been determined eligible for federal Trade Readjustment Allowance benefits would be ineligible for additional unemployment insurance benefits under this bill.