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3	(By Delegate Caputo)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on Government Organization then Finance.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$21A-6A-3$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to granting the Governor authority
12	to grant an extension for unemployment compensation benefits
13	when special circumstances exist.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That §21A-6A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 6A. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM.
18	\$21A-6A-3. Eligibility requirements for extended benefits.
19	<u>(a)</u> An individual <del>shall be</del> <u>is</u> eligible to receive extended
20	benefits with respect to any week of unemployment in his or her
21	eligibility period except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)
22	$\underline{\text{of this section}}$ only if the commissioner finds that with respect
23	to such week:
24	(1) He <u>or she</u> is an "exhaustee" as defined in subdivision <del>ten</del>

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1 nine, section one of this article,

2 (2) He <u>or she</u> has satisfied the eligibility requirements of 3 this chapter for the receipt of regular benefits which are 4 applicable to individuals claiming extended benefits, including not 5 being subject to a disqualification for the receipt of benefits.

6 (b) The Governor may grant an individual extended benefits in 7 the event the Governor finds that special economic circumstances 8 exist that otherwise justify the payment of the benefits.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant the Governor authority to grant an extension for unemployment compensation benefits when special economic circumstances exist.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.