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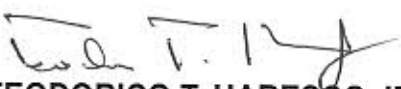
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
H. No. 2239

Introduced by **Representative TEODORICO T. HARESCO JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution, under Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution states that the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security. Article XIII, Section 11 provides further that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost and it shall prioritize the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children.

Based on the latest data provided by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the average life expectancy in the country is only 71.6 years and we only have 2,105 centenarians nationwide. To give full support to the foregoing and the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly, especially the centenarians, there is a need to adopt measures whereby these elderly members of the State are properly assisted, financially or otherwise, by establishing a program beneficial to them and to their families.


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AN ACT
GRANTING OR GIVING ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P 1,000) MONTHLY STIPEND BY
WAY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CENTENARIANS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby the policy of the State to provide
2 social security programs for its elderly members. This Act aims to apply said policy by
3 providing financial assistance to centenarian members of the State.

4 **SECTION 2. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Centenarians Assistance
5 Act of 2013".

6 **SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** – For the purpose of this Act, the term:

7 (A) "Centenarian" means any resident citizen of the Philippines who have
8 attained the age of one hundred (100) years or more

9 (B) "Senior Citizen" or "elderly" means any resident citizen of the Philippines at
10 least sixty (60) years old

11 **SECTION 4. Granting or Giving of Monthly Stipend.** – All centenarians who have
12 properly met the qualifications of the entitlement provided for in Section 5 hereof shall be
13 issued a special Identification Card entitling them to receive the One Thousand Pesos
14 (P1,000) monthly stipend by way of financial assistance and shall continue to receive the
15 same during their remaining lifetime. This benefit, however, is not transferable to their heirs.

16 **SECTION 5. Qualifications for the Entitlement.** – Before a centenarian can be
17 recognized and granted this benefit, the following shall be complied with:

18 (A) He/she must be a Filipino citizen;

19 (B) He/ she must be one hundred (100) years of age or more;

1 (C) He/she must be a registered senior citizen of the Office of the Senior Citizen
2 Affairs (OSCA) with proper identification and documentation;

3 (D) He/she must present his/her duly authenticated birth certificate or its equivalent
4 document/s to validate his/her age.

5 **SECTION 5. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of
6 this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the
7 approval of this Act.

8 **SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days from
9 the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), after
10 due consultations, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
11 implementation of this act.

12 **SECTION 7. – Separability Clause.** If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
13 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision shall remain valid and subsisting.

14 **SECTION 8. – Repealing Clause.** Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
15 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulations contrary to or
16 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
17 accordingly.

18 **SECTION 9. – Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
19 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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21 *Approved,*