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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **7035**



Introduced by Representative LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
Bulacan – 4th District

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as “An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino Centenarians” provides for the granting of a One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) cash gift to Filipino Centenarians, to honor and celebrate their longevity.

Data from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) would show that in 2016 and 2017 after the passage of the aforementioned law, a total of 2,992 and 1,000 Filipinos respectively were able to reach 100 years old and enjoy the centenarian cash gift. A closer observation would lead us to conclude that in a matter of two years, more than fifty (50%) percent

However, in the data published in 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that life expectancy in the Philippines, on the average, is just 65.3 years for males and 72 years for females, which is way below the 100 years that Filipino senior citizens have to reach to avail of the Centenarian cash gift.

As a result, only a few of our elderly, whom we would want to honor and appreciate for their many years of contribution to nation-building, get to avail of the Centenarian grant, as many of them succumb to illness and death before their 100th birthday. There is therefore a need to provide our elderly, whose need for medical and subsistence assistance are more pronounced, with additional monetary incentives that will be given at an earlier age so they can still enjoy and use them to defray their basic expenses.

Hence, we seek the immediate passage of this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linabelle R. Villarica".

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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GIVING OF GRADUATED CASH GRANTS TO
SENIOR CITIZENS

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

SECTION 1. Every Filipino senior citizen, under this Act, is hereby entitled to receive cash grants graduated according to his or her longevity, as follows:

Date of Entitlement	Amount of Grant
70 th Birthday	P70,000.00
80 th Birthday	Additional P10,000.00
90 th Birthday	Additional P10,000.00
100 th Birthday	Additional P10,000.00

SEC. 2. All living senior citizens who reached the age of seventy (70) and subsequent ages stipulated in Section 1 prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be awarded with the appropriate cash grant enumerated in the preceding section, during the occasion of the Elderly Filipino Week, October 1 to 7 or one hundred twenty (120) days after the effectivity of this Act, whichever comes earlier.

SEC. 3. *Funding.* – During the initial year of the implementation of this Act, the requisite fund shall be sourced from the available funds of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and subsequently the amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, regulations and other issuances or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall remain valid and effective.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (20) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.