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HOUSE BILL NO. 8274



Introduced by Representative Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano

Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as the “Centenarians Act of 2016”, was a widely celebrated law that honored elderly Filipinos on the occasion of their 100th birthday. It served as a testament on how our country values its centenarians, by granting them additional benefits and privileges and honoring them with a National Day of Respect.

Unfortunately, many Filipinos are deprived of the opportunity to reach the ripe old age of one hundred due to many factors, including the ever-increasing cost of living. Health care, in particular, has become inaccessible to many due to the prohibitive prices of medication, treatments, and diagnostic procedures. The upward cost of basic goods, services, and utilities have also increased the financial burden on many of our senior citizens and their families, leaving them with no choice but to forego regular medical treatments in order to pay their bills.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10868 by allowing our citizens to avail, in advance, of the cash benefit given to centenarians upon reaching the age of eighty. Filipino octogenarians will be able to claim 80% of the 100,000 cash benefit, with the remaining 20% thereof given upon reaching the age of 100. It is hoped that making this sum available to our elderly Filipinos will allow them to get the care needed to remain in good health, as well as add comfort and quality to their daily lives.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT
HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO
FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10868 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* All Filipinos who reach the age of **EIGHTY (80) AND** one hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, shall be honored with:

(a) A Letter of Felicitation from the President of the Philippines congratulating the celebrant for his or her longevity; and

(b) A [Centenarian] **CASH** gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), **TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: (I) EIGHTY THOUSAND PESOS UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80), AND (II) THE BALANCE OF TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100)."**

SECTION 2. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,