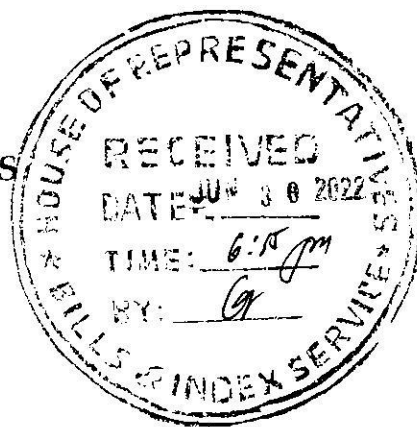


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

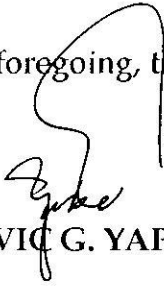
It is provided in Section 4, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution that not only the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security. The enactment of Republic Act No. 10868 (Centenarians Act) demonstrate the respect and recognition to the Filipino elderly, particularly to those who have reached the age of one hundred years old.

In reality, very few Filipinos reach the centenarian age and if ever they have reached it, they would not be able to enjoy the privilege accorded to them by law due to health deterioration. Statistics (2018) reveal that Filipinos have an average life expectancy of 69.3 years

This measure recognizes the invaluable contribution of our elderly upon the roles they played in nation building and societal development throughout history. This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10686 or the "Centenarians Act of 2006" to provide a cash gift of Php 1,000,000.00 to Filipino centenarians who reached 101 years old. In addition, this will also give Php 25,000.00 to our Filipino octogenarians who reached eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), and ninety-five (95) years old.

This same measure was already approved on Third and Final Reading by the House of Representatives in the last 18th Congress.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, RECOGNIZING OCTOGENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016'**

*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 amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 2. [Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift] BENEFITS FOR CENTENARIANS.** – All Filipinos who reach the age of 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 and her] ON ONE'S longevity; and
- b) A Centenarian Gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)

**"ALL FILIPINO CENTENARIANS WHO REACH THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED AND ONE (101) YEARS OLD SHALL RECEIVE A CASH GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) ON THEIR BIRTHDAY."**

**SEC. 2.** A new section denominated as Section 3 of the same Act is added to read as follows:

**"SEC. 3. BENEFITS FOR OCTOGENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS. - ALL FILIPINOS WHO REACH THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80), EIGHTY-FIVE (85), NINETY (90) AND NINETY-FIVE (95) YEARS OLD SHALL ALSO RECEIVE A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT AND A CASH GIFT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00)."**

SEC. 3. Sections 3 and 4 of the same Act are renumbered as Sections 4 and 5 respectively.

SEC. 4. A new section denominated as Section 6 of the same Act is added to read as follows:

**"SEC. 6. LEAD AGENCY. - THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS (NCSC) SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT."**

SEC. 5. Section 5 of the same Act is renumbered as Section 7 and amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. [5] 7. [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.]"**

**"APPROPRIATIONS. - THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."**

SEC. 6. Section 6 of the same Act is renumbered as Section 8 and amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. [6] 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the [Secretaries of the DSWD] CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCSC SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, the [Department] SECRETARY of the Interior and Local Government, the [Department] SECRETARY of Health, [and] the Executive Director of the Commission on Filipino Overseas, AND THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS OFFICE, [shall] promulgate the necessary [guidelines for and shall take the lead in] RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR the effective implementation of this Act."**

SEC. 7. Sections 7 and 8 of the same Act are renumbered as Sections 9 and 10 respectively.

**SEC. 8.** All laws, presidential decrees, issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules or regulation, or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,