

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **1170**



Introduced by Honorable Bryan B. Revilla

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’

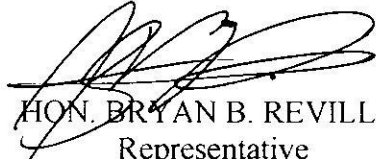
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to amend Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as “The Centenarian Law”.

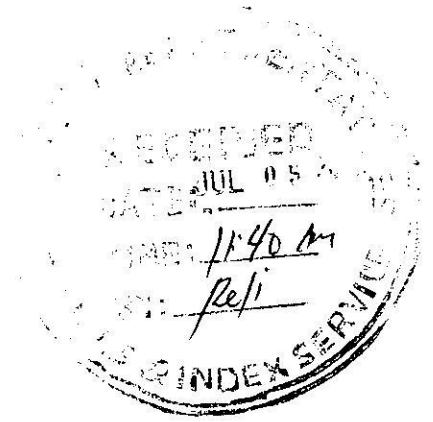
According to the 2015 survey of the Philippine Statistics Authority, only 10.5 percent of the Filipino population reaches the prime age of 80 years old. This bill seeks to provide our senior citizens who have reached the age of eighty and above the recognition and value to their contribution to the Filipino communities by giving letter of felicitations from the President of the Republic of the Philippines and cash incentives worth twenty five thousand (25,000) pesos to those who have reached the age of eighty (80), eighty five (85), ninety (90), ninety-five (95), and one hundred (100). Meanwhile those who reached the age of one hundred one (101) will be given a letter of felicitations from the President of the Republic of the Philippines and cash incentives worth one million (1,000,000) pesos.

This bill was first filed by Hon. Edcel Lagman during the 15th Congress and was successively filed by several representatives in the 16th and 17th Congresses. In the 18th Congress this bill was passed on Third (3rd) reading.

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



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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 REACHED 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 REACHED 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 regulations, 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.