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HOUSE BILL No. 1726



Introduced by HON. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

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

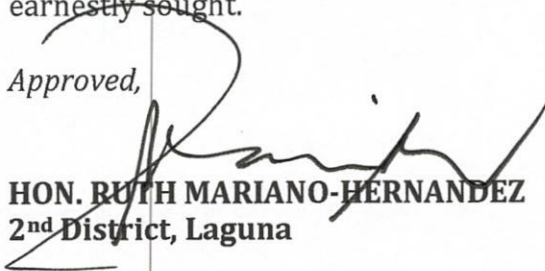
This bill seeks to expand coverage of benefits given to centenarians of Republic Act 10868 to octogenarians and nonagenarians. The advanced monetary benefit would be most beneficial to octogenarians and nonagenarians for their maintenance medicines and healthy food to further prolong their lives to beyond a hundred years old.

It is attuned to Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution that declares it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly while the State may design programs of social security for them.

With the level of our country's development, the average Filipino can expect to live to only 71 years. To become a centenarian, or three (3) decades past the average life expectancy is indeed a major achievement and a distinction worthy of public recognition and compensation.

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

Approved,


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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 or 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, AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, SHALL RECEIVE A CASH GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS.

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 SHALL ALSO RECEIVE A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CASH

GIFT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGES OF EIGHTY (80), EIGHTY-FIVE (85), NINETY (90) AND NINETY-FIVE (95) YEARS OLD."

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] **FOR THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION** of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act **UNDER THE BUDGET OF THE NCSC."**

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 Filipinos 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,