

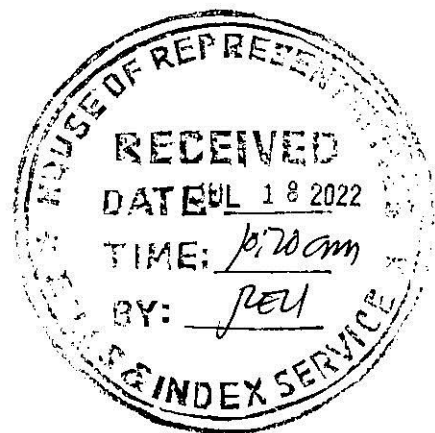


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HOUSE BILL NO. **2061**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act 10868 otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016."

Our senior citizens have made meaningful contributions to our nation during their youth and productive years. This bill is meant to celebrate and honor the life and contributions of the elderly during their younger days. As one of the vulnerable sectors of society, our Constitution guarantees preferential treatment to them.

With the end in view of expanding the benefits of the law to include more elderly Filipinos to enjoy the benefits of RA 10868 by advancing the cash gift as provided by the law to our senior citizens starting upon reaching eighty years old. The staggered distribution of the cash benefits will provide support for them and their families to cope up with the rising cost of living and health care expenses. Further, we ensure our elders to have more opportunities to enjoy the blessings of the law.

Given the foregoing, the approval of this proposed measure is most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE "CENTERNARIANS ACT OF
2016". AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC
ACT 10868 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 amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2 Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift - All Filipinos who reach the age of EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, AND one hundred (100) years of, 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 Cash Gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) broken down as follows: TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) UPON REACHING EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, and SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P60,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD.

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

“Section 3. 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.

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

Section 4. 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.”

Section 5. Section 7 and 8 of the Act are renumbered as Section 8 and 9 respectively.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved