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House Bill No. 2804



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security"

Our culture is distinct in our respect for the elderly. Where in other parts of the world, after time and old age has caught up to the might and the strength of an individual; they are sent off to care facilities whereas our caring nature embraces their wisdom and their contributions to our society. We give them love, affection and most importantly, respect.

This bill seeks to amend RA 10868 An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino Centenarians by granting recognition and importance to our seventy five (75), eighty (80), ninety (90) and one hundred (100) year old Senior Citizens.

Statistics reveal that Filipinos have a life expectancy of 69.4 years. Out of our 100 million population, only a few have reached the age of one hundred (100) years old and above.

For without them we are nothing. We will or have not been able to reach our goals and aspirations in life without their guidance, without their wisdom. It is our fervent hope that while they still can, our elderly be given the chance to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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2 **AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868,**
3 **OTHERWISE KNOWN "AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING**
4 **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO**
5 **CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**
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8 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
9 *Congress assembled:*
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11 **SECTION 1,** Section 2 OF Republic Act 10868 is further amended as
12 follows:
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14 "Sec . 2 : Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift. – All Filipinos who
15 reach the age of one hundred (100) years old, whether residing in
16 the Philippines or abroad, shall be honored with:
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18 (a) "x x x"

19 (b) "x x x"

20 (c) A cash gift of twenty-five thousand pesos shall be given to
21 every Filipino Citizen upon reaching the age of 75 years old;

22 (d) A cash gift of seventy five thousand pesos shall be given to
23 every Filipino Citizen upon reaching the age of 80 years old;

1 (e) A cash gift of one hundred thousand pesos shall be given to
2 every Filipino citizen upon reaching the age of 90 years old;

3 (f) A cash gift of one hundred thousand pesos shall be given to
4 every Filipino citizen upon reaching the age of 100 years old
5 and a hundred thousand pesos every birthday thereafter.
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7 **SECTION 2. Separability Clause** – If any provision of this Act is held
8 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in
9 force and effect.
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11 **SECTION 17. Repealing Clause** – All laws, decrees, orders and rules and
12 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
13 repealed or amended accordingly.
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15 **SECTION 18. Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
16 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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18 Approved.
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